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SHRAPNEL SHELLING OF KENT

Long-range guns from across the Channel yesterday shelled the South-East coast area.

A loud explosion resembling the discharge of a heavy-calibre gun was heard followed by two more such explosions.

Subsequently shells burst in the air over the town and large splinters were picked up.

Two houses were damaged but no casualties are reported. — Reuter.

Swift Eritrea Advance

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent at Khartoum)

British troops who have penetrated into Eritrea from the North are now advancing beyond El Grena.

The capture of El Grena was announced yesterday by British General Headquarters.

The British troops have improved their positions in the hills surrounding two important heights, which they are now attacking after driving back strong Italian counter-attacks.

El Grena is an important post thirty miles south-east of the small frontier town of Karora which was captured last week-end.

Prisoners taken at Karora are now known to number forty-three as well as seven machine-guns and fifty camels. — Reuter.

British Officer Buried

A British flying officer, whose name is given as Sub-Lieutenant Attenborough, was buried with military honours at Leghorn yesterday.

He is described in Rome as one of the occupants of the British plane shot down by anti-aircraft fire at Leghorn on Sunday.

Italian officers of all arms and a naval guard of honour attended the funeral at the English cemetery.

A wreath from the Italian Navy

TRAIN SERVICE SUSPENDED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The train service between Sofia and Bucharest has been stopped since the wreckage of a Rumanian oil train.

A tense situation exists in both capitals on account of this latest development. — International News Service.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

DIPLOMATIC EVENTS IN EUROPE ARE MOVING SWIFTLY WITH REPORTS REACHING THE UNITED STATES THAT GENERAL FRANCO HAS ALREADY MET MUSSOLINI.

Close secrecy is being maintained regarding the object of Franco's visit, but rumours are still current that General Franco is being asked to mediate in a British/Italian peace.

Meanwhile, reports from Vichy state that after conferring with Mussolini, General Franco has arrived in the South of France to meet Marshal Petain, and canvas French feeling on the European situation.

Berlin reports that it is expected that a meeting between General Franco and Marshal Petain will contribute much towards improving French and Spanish relations. — International News Service.

Petain's Midday Reception

It is reported from Vichy that Marshal Petain arrived at Cagnes-Mer, French Riviera, yesterday, in a special train which left Vichy the previous night.

After leaving the station the Marshal went to his estate at Villeneuve-Loubet on the coast road, about nine miles from Nice.

At midday, Marshal Petain left his estate for Cagnes station where, in a private coach, he received officials and personal friends. — Reuter.

WILLKIE, KNOX CLASH

More American destroyers could be sent to Britain without weakening the defences of the United States.

This statement was made by Mr. Wendell Willkie last night who said he had been so advised by "high authorities."

Mr. Willkie made this statement to the press, following the remark by Colonel Knox earlier in the day that the United States, "can spare no more destroyers."

His full statement reads: "I am surprised by the statement of Colonel Knox."

"Information given me by high authorities in the Government after my testimony on Tuesday confirmed my views that we are in a position, without injury to our Navy or national defence, to give Britain immediate and effective assistance by sending her additional destroyers." — Reuter.

HOLLAND BREAKS WITH RUMANIA

It is learned in London that the Dutch Government is re-calling its Minister in Bucharest. — Reuter.

INFLATION TALK EXAGGERATED, INSISTS SIMON

GOVERNMENT ADHERES to the policy of avoiding inflation "by every conceivable means in our power," said the Lord Chancellor, Lord Simon, in the House of Lords yesterday.

He suggested that concern on this point was brought about by exaggerated or ill-founded arguments.

Lord Balfour of Burleigh, said he was afraid the vicious spiral of inflation was already in operation and that the figure of interest in this matter was the gap between expenditure and revenue which he computed at about £600,000,000.

He strongly supported the Keynes Plan of some kind of deferred pay, particularly in the case of wage earners who were getting substantially larger earnings than before the war.

Rising Prices

Lord Simon, replying for Government, said that the word

The Admiralty communique on the shelling of Genoa, it will be recalled, stated that one Swordfish plane was missing. — Reuter.

and one from the American Consul were on the coffin.

"inflation" was used as though it was associated with the rapidly rising prices.

Prices, he said, may rise in circumstances which do not involve this inflationary influence at all.

Referring to the gap between expenditure and revenue, Lord Simon said it was important to remember the overseas aspect in this matter. — Reuter.

CONSCRIPTION IN MALTA

Conscription of man-power in Malta, both for combatant and non-combatant services is announced for the near future.

These measures have the unanimous support of the Maltese Government, Council and Press. — Reuter.



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Aid To Britain Bill Now Progressing In Senate

LOWER HOUSE AMENDMENTS APPROVED

AN ATTEMPT to check the aid to Britain plan was frustrated yesterday when the Senate Foreign Relations Committee rejected by thirteen votes to ten an amendment to the Lease and Lend Bill requiring President Roosevelt to obtain certification of Army and Navy chiefs before he could turn over existing equipment to any other country.

The House of Representatives had previously written a provision into the Bill requiring "consultation" with Army and Navy chiefs before the President took action.

The Committee is later reported to have approved in principle four amendments made to the Bill by the House of Representatives one of which limits the period of the Bill to June, 1943, the second empowering Congress to suspend it before then by the passage of current resolution requiring merely a vote in the House and in the Senate and not subject to Presidential veto, and the third providing that nothing in the Act could be construed to authorize naval escort for convoys, while the last requires "consultation" between the President and Army and Navy chiefs before the transfer of existing military equipment could be ordered by the President of the United States. — Reuter.

Pushing It Through

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Administration leaders in Washington yesterday are reported to be renewing efforts in order to get quick passage of the Lease and Lend Bill. — International News Service.

CHINA LOOKS TO YUNNAN DEFENCES

According to a Chinese despatch from Kunming, a high-ranking Chinese Commander is visiting various strategic points along the Yunnan border and addressing Chinese officers and troops guarding the Indo-China border.

During the past fortnight, the Chinese Commander has visited front-line positions and been observing enemy posts across the border. — Reuter.

200,000,000 BUTTONS---AND NOT A SHINE

Contracts have been signed for the largest single order for serge battle-dress placed since the war started — 5,000,000 blouses and 6,000,000 trousers.

Nearly 250 clothing contractors in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland will be engaged on the work.

The 9,000 miles of serge required, taking 10,000 tons of wool, will be manufactured by 150 firms.

Nine thousand miles of lining material will also be used.

More than 200,000,000 brass buttons will be sewn on to the blouses and trousers. As these buttons are hidden, the modern soldier does not have to clean them.

And the modern soldier is not sorry, either.

MALAYA REINFORCEMENT IN THE AIR

Following the despatch of formations of Blenheim bombers to Northern Malaya some days ago, it is officially announced in Singapore that similar formations of modern bombers of the Australian Air Force have also taken up a station in that area. — Reuter.

RUMANIANS TO GO HOME

According to an official of the Rumanian Legation in London, the Rumanian Government has instructed its Charge d'Affaires and the Rumanian Legation staff, in London to return to Rumania. — Reuter.

WEYGAND FIRST TO URGE PEACE

The bitter tone of re- crimination against Britain which characterised so many earlier French utterances and writings is absent from a Vichy Government - approved pamphlet telling the inside story of events leading up to the French collapse.

M. Charles Riebel, a member of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Senate, is the author.

M. Riebel reveals that it was Gen. Weygand, successor of Gen. Gamelin as Commander of the French forces, who, as early as June 7, first urged the Government to ask for an armistice. Weygand hoped to save Paris, avoid the evacuation of the Government, and forestall a declaration of war by Italy. On June 12 Weygand again urged an armistice.

Divisions were reduced to two or three battalions and men were dropping from fatigue and lack of sleep. The Cabinet, however, "remained unshakable."

The next day, after the Supreme Council had met and learned that Mr. Churchill was unable to promise more than three divisions and 72 guns, M. Reynaud's Cabinet still refused to accede to Gen. Weygand's demand.

Flight To Africa

M. Riebel says that the Cabinet had two plans. It intended either to flee to Brittany and be ready to leave for the United States, if necessary, or go first to Bordeaux and then to Africa.

The pamphlet says that France rejected the British plea not to surrender her fleet because, on that condition, Germany would never have granted an armistice.

Gen. Gamelin's incompetence is branded as chiefly responsible for defeat. President Lebrun is stated to have said to M. Riebel after the Government's flight to Tours: "Would you believe it? Gamelin came to see me only a few days before we left Paris, praised his own strategy, and said that he would have done exactly the same if he were beginning the campaign over again."

Weygand's Plan

An Associated Press message from New York states that, in discussion with a diplomat who had talked to Gen. Weygand, sent to North Africa by the Vichy Government, it was learned that the general had intentionally placed himself in a "trading" position in Algeria.

His object was that, if the German terms, in his opinion, were too dishonourable, he could "win the military forces in Algeria and possibly Syria, too, in a new direction." This would not, however, be a matter of joining Gen. de Gaulle's forces.

KUNMING AIR RAID ALARM

Air-raid alarm sirens sounded through Kunming yesterday morning when two waves of Japanese heavy bombers attacked objectives on the Burma road.

Another formation of 11 Japanese dive-bombers dropped several bombs near Kunming.

The all-clear sound was heard at 2.45 p.m. — Reuter.

UNIFORM ORDERS IN INDIA

It is understood in New Delhi that orders have been passed and are already in operation that uniform be worn by all ranks in the army in India at all times except when on leave from stations or engaged in sports. — Reuter.

WARSAW WOMEN APPEAL TO U.S.

"We Are Living In Hell"

A HEART-RENDING APPEAL by a group of Polish women living in Warsaw to the women of the United States begging them for help in their struggle to throw off the Nazi yoke was published in New York by the Committee of Polish-American Women. The committee vouches for the authenticity of the document, which was smuggled from Poland.

Declaring the Germans are trying to exterminate their race, they declare that 3,000,000 Poles have perished already, and the figure increases daily as famine grows apace. Swearing that their words are true and not exaggerated they say:

"We are living in hell. Our husbands, brothers and fathers have perished in mass murders which have wiped out tens of thousands. They die slowly in dungeons or perish from starvation and cold in war prisoners camps.

In Divine justice. We have faith in the victory of the Allies and we wait for the day of their triumph. Should this day be slow in arriving Poland may be free, but there will be no Poles."

"Daughters Abducted"

"Our sons—the future and pride of the nation—have either perished like their fathers—boys of 12 and 14 were by no means lacking among those who were shot—or are registered and taken away to alleged labour camps in Germany, whence there is no return.

"Our daughters—our little girls, dearest joy of our lives—are being apprehended on the streets or abducted from their homes under cover of night, imprisoned in company with prostitutes, and deported to German brothels.

"Dr. Frank, Governor-General of German Poland, informs neutral newspapermen that Poland under the German administration prospers freely, and that the majority of Polish people cheerfully cooperate with the German administration, satisfied at having been delivered by the German Government from playing the part of England's flunkies.

"Listening to those cynical lies we tremble lest the world might believe them. This hell is all around us. It is smothering us and we are its hopeless victims. We endeavour not to abandon ourselves to despair. We believe

BREAD INSTEAD OF BRICKS

All over the country, but particularly on the South Coast, war needs have brought thousands of wasted acres under the plough.

Where there might have been a harvest of bungalows and semi-detached villas, wheat, barley, oats and sugar beet will grow.

Some of these acres have not been used for cultivation since the days of the Ancient Britons, whose rectangular strips can still be discerned. Others have only reverted to bramble and briar since speculative builders began the scramble for building sites in the years between the two wars.

In one South Down coastal area, near the home of a famous comedienne, 3,000 acres are being ploughed up for winter wheat sowing. Every square inch is being turned, so that bungalows built at random here and there are finding themselves surrounded by a sea of furrowed earth.

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Government Developing Large Scale Programme

(By Reuter's Lobby Correspondent)

SOME GOVERNMENT control of industry in the replanning which must take place at the end of the war is entailed in a proposal now being considered by Government.

The proposal is that half the money collected for excess profits duty shall not be used for meeting war expenditure but shall be placed in a special fund for the purpose of assisting various industries at the end of the war in making the changeover to peace conditions.

The proposal arises from complaints by industrialists that the present excess profits duty of 100 per cent. will not allow them to make provision for this purpose.

The problem of the demobilisation of the millions of men, now serving in the armed forces, has not been overlooked, and an Expert Committee, now sitting, has the task of examining the question in all its aspects and making recommendations for effective demobilisation of the men with the least possible dislocation.

Agricultural

Other matters, now being examined, include agricultural policy to enable this industry to still the largest in the country to play a full share in national reconstruction.

The question of re-housing and national planning after the war is being examined under the direction of Lord Reith, who it is hoped will make a statement at an early date of proposals for building and planning a better Britain.

These and many other matters are being examined by various departments of the State under the direction of Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Minister without Portfolio, who is specially charged with examining these problems.

Common Agreement

The intention behind them is to reach the largest measure of common agreement on urgent matters that have to be dealt with so that they can be put into force without delay at the end of the war, and form a solid foundation upon which, after discussion and by vote of the people, a new Government will be put into force to carry out the programme of reconstruction which the majority of the country desires. — Reuter.

THEY HELP PRISONERS

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

Every day a group of American and British women in Lisbon are working at their self-imposed task of replying to letters from prisoners of war in a snow-bound camp in Germany.

These women began to play fairly godmother to 1,400 prisoners some months ago, when Mrs. Ian Campbell, wife of Captain Ian Campbell, of the 51st Scots Highland Division, whose home is at Inveraray, Scotland, received a letter from her husband in Germany. He enclosed five other letters from men in his regiment, asking her to post them to Bri-

GERMAN'S PROPERTY CAPTOR'S

If you capture a German you are entitled to anything in his possession, according to a decision at Chatham Police Court.

Judgments of the King's Bench Division going back to the time of William III were quoted by Mr. Gerald Thesiger to show this.

Mr. E. F. Barrett, clerk to the Court, commented that under Mr. Thesiger's argument if some Home Guard captured tanks, they would be able to keep them.

Mr. Thesiger: Yes, subject to a military law which might apply to the capture of fortresses. Mr. Thesiger was defending Harry Foulds, a Home Guard, who was accused of stealing a German pistol, a clip of ammunition and a German flying helmet.

The case was dismissed. A German machine-gunner, who baled out over the Chatham area, came down at Wigmore, it was stated. He was captured, his pistol and ammunition handed to Foulds, and the German himself gave Foulds the helmet.

"Never Was Crown's"

When the police made inquiries about the property, Foulds readily gave it up and gave them every assistance.

Mr. Thesiger quoted judgments of William III and of 1748 on the question of "prize." Mr. Justice Wright held in 1748, he said, that the subject was entitled to whatever he could take from the King's enemies.

Mr. Justice Blackstone, in his volume of comments published in 1794, said Mr. Thesiger, held that any person might seize to his own use property of the enemy, such person not being entitled to the benefit and protection of the law.

Mr. Thesiger submitted that the property was never in fact in the possession of the Crown and therefore could not be stolen from the Crown.

SNOW IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Snow fell in Shanghai yesterday. In some places it was 12 inches deep.—Our Own Correspondent.

Mrs. Campbell quickly gathered volunteers among the American and British women in Lisbon, and set about sending parcels to the boys.

"We are all fit and in high spirits. Your parcels have made us behave like children at a party at meal times." That is an example of the letters which are being received.

CAN SPARE NO MORE DESTROYERS

Colonel Frank Knox, the United States Secretary of the Navy, told a press conference yesterday, that the United States Navy, "can spare no more destroyers." — Reuter.

NEW RAGE IS BLITZ SCHOOL

Within a fortnight of the London County Council's completion of the survey of Metropolitan shelters, at least 40 "blitz classes" are already being held underground while raiders drone overhead.

Five of the larger men's institutes — Fulham, Stepney, Buckingham Gate, Grove Vale and Dempsey Street, Commercial Road — have made plans to hold their sessions in large shelters in their own areas.

In the East End, shelter classes which started during the week will be carried on nearly every evening.

Stay All Night

Would-be students from the suburbs are arranging to travel several times a week into central London, to remain in the shelter overnight and to go direct from there to work in the morning.

Westminster, with its shelter population of 160,000, is already well ahead with plans for extending the shelter night classes. Fifteen are already in session.

The scheme is to be extended as soon as the authorities can introduce such advantages as improved lighting, additional chairs, tables, desks and other "school" equipment.

More Than In Peace

Supervising the Westminster classes is Mr. A. Willis, Principal of the Buckingham Gate L.C.C. Institute.

He told a reporter: "Classes are proving exceptionally popular. Many of our lecturers are taking much larger classes than they ever did in peace time. Sometimes they number as many as 200 scholars."

MR. HOPKINS' RETURN DELAYED

A message from New York states that Mr. Harry Hopkins, President Roosevelt's special envoy to England, has been held up on his journey home at Bolama, in Portuguese Guinea, owing to a slight mechanical difficulty in the Clipper on which he was travelling.

He is now expected to reach New York on Saturday morning. — Reuter.

PUNJAB REWARD FOR WAR "DOERS"

The Punjab Government has reserved 15,000 acres in the Nilbar Colony (the Havell Project) to reward pre-war services. It was officially announced in Lahore yesterday, adding that preference in the award of Jagirs would be given to those whose services were outstanding in assisting the war effort. — Reuter.

NAZIS TAKE A NEW LINE

The German claim that international law does not oblige Germany to supply food to people outside Reich territory exposes the emptiness of the Nazis' earlier boasts that they would guarantee the feeding of everyone on the Continent, states the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

The Ministry denies German disclaimers pointing out that the regulations of the Hague Convention of 1907 provide that "after legal authority has actually passed into the hands of those occupying the country, the latter are under obligation to take all measures possible to maintain public order and safety."

An official of the Ministry yesterday gave further evidence of non-responsibility of the blockade for the food shortage in many parts of German-controlled Europe which, he said, was actually due to German depredations. — Reuter.

WANTED: 500,000 DIGGERS

Another half-million allotments are wanted so that the second phase of the "Dig for Victory" campaign may be considered successful.

The total number of allotments under cultivation is still not as great as the peak period of 1920, when nearly one and a half million allotments were being tended in Great Britain.

At the outbreak of war, there were about 900,000 of these allotments in existence, and a year's campaigning only produced 300,000 more national diggers.

An official of the National Society of Allotments told a reporter: "We are anxious to get all the new allotmenters enrolled now, because this is the right time to get the ground ready for the spring crop."

"People are advised to grow as much as they can to support their own households. If they have space for extras, this should be turned over for root crops, such as carrots and onions and not perishables like lettuce. These are always marketable."

In the bombed areas numbers of allotments have been damaged.

A South Wales and a Midlands district often visited by Nazi raiders have renamed their variety of potatoes "Hitler's earlies," as they are always blown out before they are ready for digging.

AFGHAN MISSION TO JAPAN

The Afghanistan Commercial Mission, headed by the Afghan Minister for National Economy, Ghulam Ghous Khan, arrived in Peshawar yesterday.

The Mission has been invited by the Japanese Foreign Trade Promoting Association through the Japanese Government.

The visit is expected to last between six and seven weeks and will mainly be concerned with a study of Japan's industrial and commercial development and to explore the Japanese market for Afghan products. — Reuter.

INDIAN TROOPS ENTERTAIN LONDON

Forty Indians of the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps gave Londoners a free entertainment at lunch-time recently. Crowds stopped in the street to watch.

A reporter saw them at it, outside the bombed store where they had been busy clearing up the wreckage.

There they squatted, tailorwise, on the grey London pavement. One of them wore a tawny-coloured turban. Most of the rest had tin hats on their sleek, black heads.

Private Dewan Ali held a small drum — which the Indians call a dhol — between his crossed knees. Bending and swaying, he thrummed the skin covering with his fingers. Another man played small brass cymbals, and a third had a mouth-organ.

To the thin, weird music they made, two or three of the company sprang up in turns and danced.

They were utterly unselfconscious as they writhed and twisted in the curious love-dances of their race.

The Corporal

Best of all the performers was Corporal Mohamed Alam, a lean, serious-looking man with magnificent handlebar moustaches. As he danced in his battle-dress and clumsy army boots, the others seated on the ground swayed and crooned in rhythm.

The Corporal leaped more and more wildly. Every muscle of his lean body was brought into play. He danced even with his fingertips. Only his face remained still and impassive.

The audience gaped at the spectacle of these dark-skinned soldiers who brought the East so incongruously into a bombed London street.

A tin-hatted policeman, smiling tolerantly, kept passers-by on the move.

Private J. Salahudin, a handsome young Indian who was studying for an arts degree when the war came, told me about his fellow Pioneers as we watched the dancing.

Three Are B.A.s

"Three of us," he said, "are Bachelors of Arts. We come from the Punjab and Bengal, and joined up as volunteers in this country. Some were sailors — Dewan Ali, for instance, who can do the rope trick besides playing the dhol. John Peter, our youngest recruit, who is only 20, was a sailor, too."

"Most of us served in France earlier in the war."

Also watching the show was Sergeant Hopkins, an Englishman in charge of the squad. A mining engineer, he directs the demolition operations.

"These men are grand," he said. "They are afraid of nothing and they are splendid workers. They have rescued hundreds of people from bombed houses. And every day after they have had their lunch, they dance as you see them doing now."

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ACTION COMING IN DODECANESE?: AIR ATTACKS CONTINUE

THE ADDIS ABABA aerodrome was among targets bombed by the Royal Air Force on Tuesday, states a R.A.F. Middle East Communique issued in Cairo yesterday, which says: "Aerodromes on the island of Rhodes were again heavily attacked by our bombers during Monday night.

Attacks were delivered from a low altitude. At Maritza, bombs fell among hangars and administrative buildings. At Calato bombs set fire to three aircraft on the landing ground. Other fires were started and two of our aircraft machine-gunned the target.

"At Katavia, bombs were dropped on runways and amongst aircraft and buildings, causing violent explosions and several fires. This target was also machine-gunned. Enemy batteries and searchlights were active over the targets.

"In Albania, military and other stores were attacked and many direct hits were observed. The military aerodrome at Addis Ababa was among the targets bombed by our aircraft in Abyssinia on Tuesday. A number of bombs were dropped on the aerodrome and direct hits set fire to buildings and hangars.

The Keren-Asmara area was also subjected to a number of raids. Motor transport convoys on the road between the two towns were heavily bombed and also machine-gunned. A stores dump, north-east of Keren, was also attacked.

Italians Shot Down

"Fighters of the South African Unit, which encountered five CR-42's (Italian fighters) off Asmara on Monday, shot down two in flames.

"One of the most intense bombing raids yet carried out by the South African Air Force took place on Monday when a number of bombers dived on military objectives at Afmahu (Italian Somaliland). Several direct hits were observed.

"Eighty-six unserviceable enemy aircraft have been found by our forces on the landing ground at Benina, near Benghazi. These included one HE-101 and one JU-88 (German machines).

"From all the operations under review, our aircraft returned safely with one exception."—Reuter.

POET ATTACKS GIRL-GAOLED

When Peter Gordon Brown was accused at Nottingham Assizes of criminally assaulting Dorothy Cox, aged eighteen, he told the jury:

"I told Dorothy she was not exactly beautiful, but that her beauty lay in her smile."

The Judge, interposing, said: "Don't go on like that, we understand you paid her compliments." Brown said, "How can I describe her lips without sampling their lovely fruit?" He swore that whatever happened was with the girl's consent.

Brown, a man aged thirty-nine, met the girl at a dance and induced her to go for a walk on the following evening.

After they sat down on the grass he produced a bottle of wine, and having persuaded the girl to drink, he started to recite poetry of his own composition.

The girl refused to allow Brown to kiss her, whereupon he put his hand over her mouth and said, "If you scream I will kill you."

There was a violent struggle, at the end of which he committed the offence.

In a letter he wrote to Miss Cox he said:—

"I lowered myself in your esteem, and when I recalled that diabolical night I attempted to write to you. I felt like a sinner entering the shrine of Allah. I look upon you as a timid, frightened bird. That is my poetic point of view."

Brown was sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

GUAM ISLAND DEFENCES

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS ASKED CONGRESS FOR U.S. \$898,393,000 IN CASH AND CONTRACT AUTHORISATIONS TO EXPEDITE THE SHIP-BUILDING PROGRAMME AND CARRY OUT VAST EXPANSION OF THE UNITED STATES FLEET'S SHORE FACILITIES.

The sum includes U.S.\$4,700,000 to establish fleet operations facilities and bomb-proof shelters on Guam Island in Northern Pacific and U.S.\$5,075,000 for similar purposes in Cuba.—Reuter.

A.A. GUNNERS INCREASE "BAG"

An enemy bomber was destroyed in Eastern Scotland yesterday morning according to an Air Ministry communique which adds that it is now known that two enemy bombers were destroyed on Saturday night and one on Monday night by A.A. fire.—Reuter.

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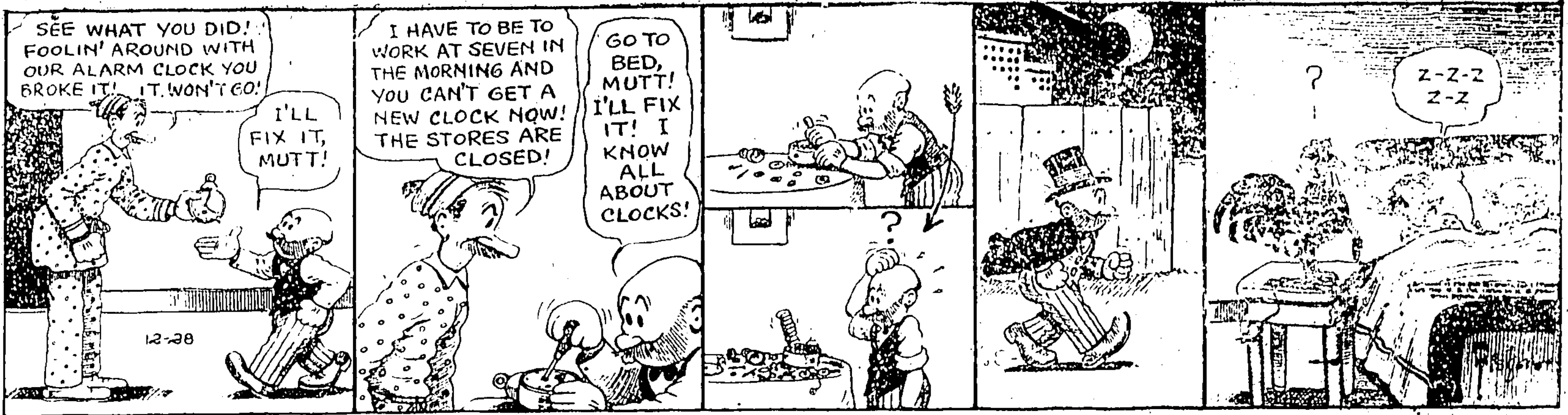
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While they were reciting evening prayers in the little chapel of their convent in London one night the building received two direct hits from a stick of five high explosives.

A section of the building collapsed on the shelter. The heavy oak door of the chapel flew over the bowed heads of the nuns on to the altar steps.

Glass from the windows and masonry from the roof showered around them, but not one of them was touched.

By dawn 100 people had been removed from the rubble by soldiers and rescue squads.

Ten of them, including a baby boy, who still had a "dummy" in his mouth, and a soldier's wife and her two children—were dead.

"Our first thoughts were for the poor people who were in the shelter under our community room from which we had just come to our prayers," one of the sisters told a reporter.

Nursing Sisters But—

"We tried to get through to them, but the wreckage had piled up and cut us off.

"As we were trying we heard the air raid wardens arrive, so, helpless, we fled into the garden and prayed.

"It nearly broke my heart to hear the cries of the wounded and not be able to get to them. We are nursing sisters—yet we could do nothing to help."

A warden said: "The nuns had done everything in their power to make the people who shelter in the convent basement as happy and comfortable as possible.

"They had even made cradles for the babies."

Errand Saved Her

In the anxious crowd which waited all day behind barriers for news of the rescue work was a girl, Rene Turner who owed her safety to an errand.

With her mother and father, Rene was in the shelter during the early part of the raid. Her father asked her to buy fish and chips.

While she was away the convent was bombed. Rene's father was freed from the wreckage suffering from broken legs. Last night her mother had not been found.

"I am a lucky girl," was all Rene could say.

A young second-lieutenant was one of the heroes of the rescue work. With tons of loosened masonry threatening to collapse on top of him, he wormed his way through narrow trenches to reach the injured.

"I was able to do it because I'm so slim," he said.

The bulk of the damage in the night's raid in the Birmingham area was to dwelling and shop property, but schools, several churches, a bank, a cinema and a police station were concerned in "incidents."

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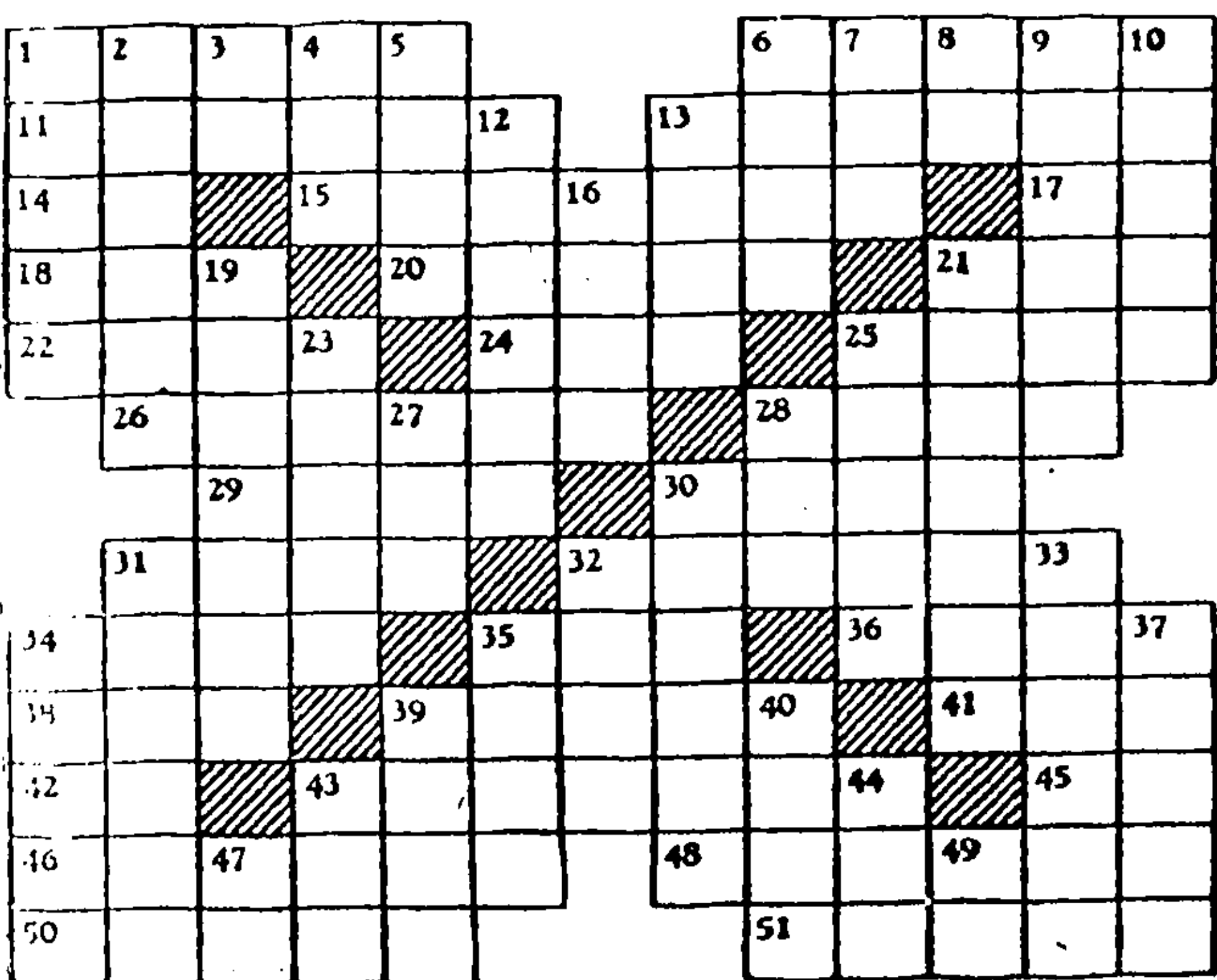
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- 1 Place named
- 6 Transparent, brittle substance
- 11 To starve
- 13 Supply
- 14 Done
- 15 Oppressive
- 17 Hawaiian bird
- 18 Australian insect
- 20 Externally
- 21 Black
- 22 African chief's residence
- 24 Simian
- 25 To follow
- 26 To estimate
- 28 Amphibian
- 29 Man's
- 30 Carbon
- 31 Part of a clarinet
- 32 To pacify
- 34 Length
- 35 Apron top
- 36 Brittle
- 38 To be mistaken

VERTICAL

- 12 Kind of foam
- 13 Sun god
- 16 Goddess of wisdom
- 17 Colloquial father
- 18 To wait on
- 19 Group of six

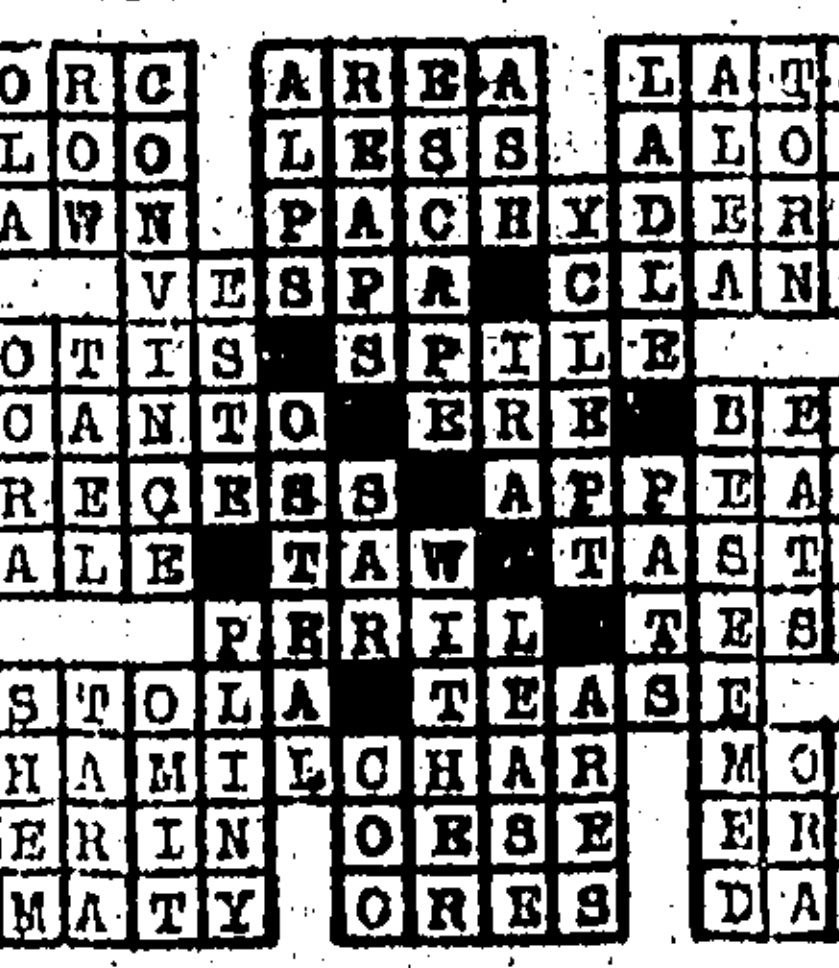
VERTICAL

- 1 Walking
- 2 East-Indian sailor
- 3 Sacred Hindu word

VERTICAL

- 4 Island of the Cyclades
- 5 Hiring
- 6 Sticky substance
- 7 The lily
- 8 Molten lava
- 9 Breathed raucously
- 10 Decoy
- 12 To proclaim
- 13 Affection
- 16 Cord
- 19 Workshop
- 21 Plume
- 23 To prevent
- 25 Shouts derisively
- 27 Man's name
- 28 Overly
- 30 Becomes serious
- 31 To scold
- 32 Faction
- 33 Warehouses
- 34 Wild
- 36 To yield
- 37 To diminish
- 39 To coin
- 40 To hate
- 43 Males
- 44 King of Judah
- 47 Symbol for tantalum
- 49 Note of scale

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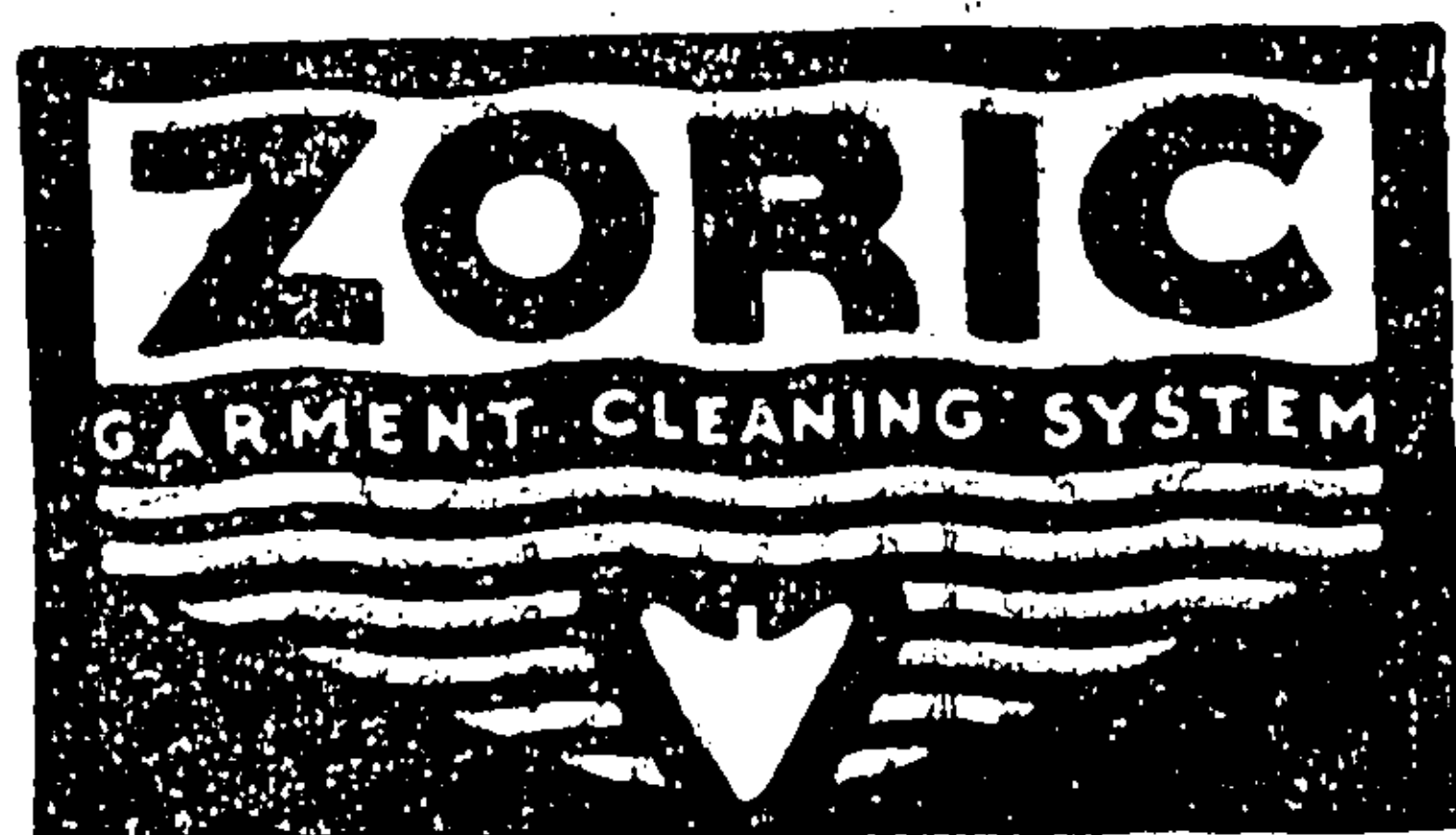
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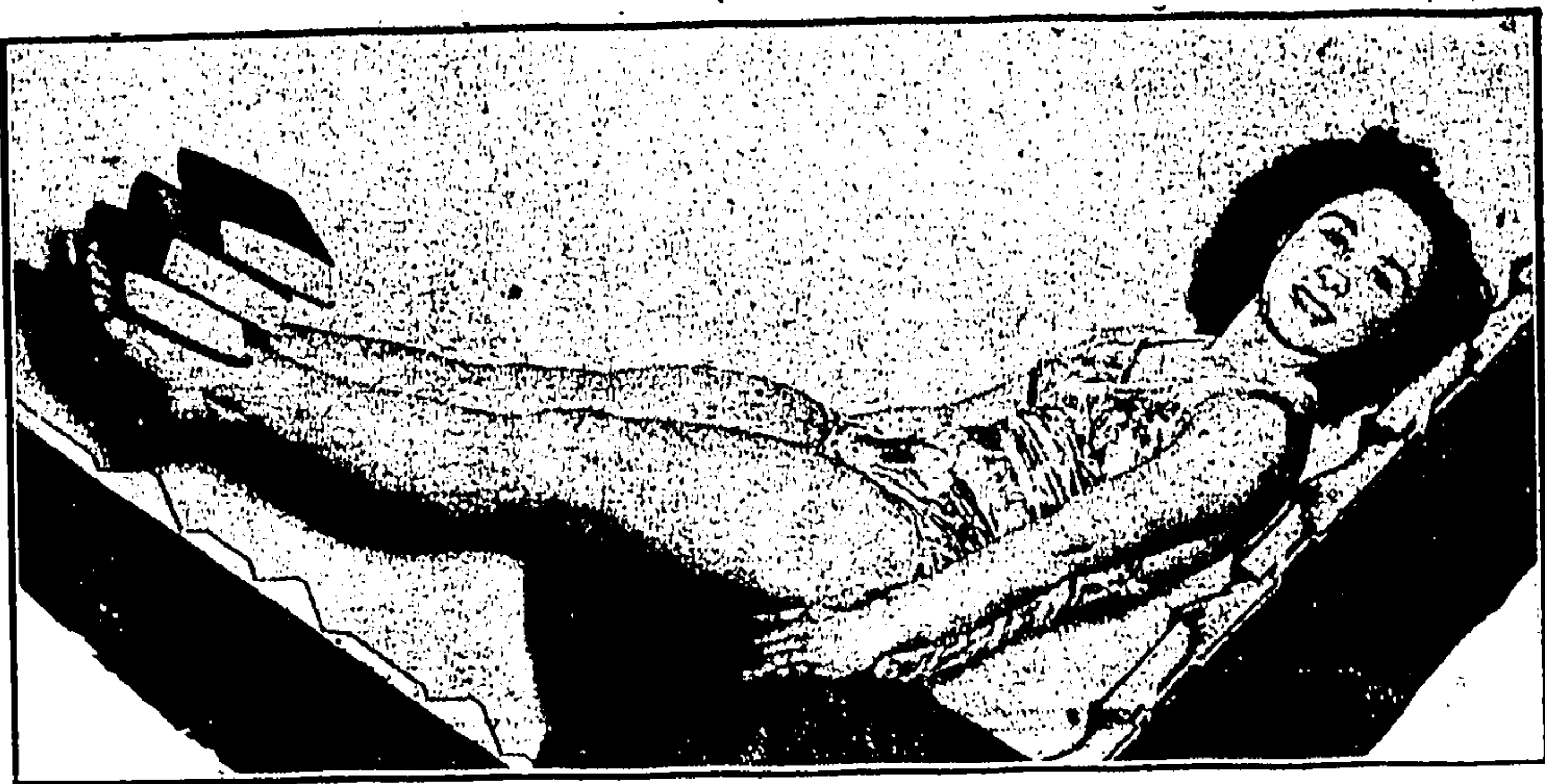
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THE MOST PERFECTLY BUILT GIRL. Monica Waldeck has just won her fourth competition for the most perfectly built girl. Her latest success has brought her a silver cup in the competition which was open to the whole of the British Isles for girls between the ages of 12 and 15. Photo shows a study of Monica undergoing exercises for a perfect figure. (Copyright, Fox.)

NAZIS FACE UNREST AMONG CONQUERED

OF ALL THE COUNTRIES under German occupation, it is generally agreed that Norway is giving her captors most trouble and is most strongly pervaded by a spirit of defiant independence that will not down, says the New York "Times."

The spirit even extends to the school children, who beat up other children induced by their parents to join the youth organisation formed by Vidkun Quisling, the Norwegian Nazi leader who played a leading part in delivering his country to the invaders.

Major Quisling himself has to go about under escort of a large and well-armed bodyguard. A bomb exploded within a few feet of him in Fredrikstad, Southern Norway, recently and on the same day only his bodyguard enabled him to escape from a riot started against him in the neighbouring town of Sarpsborg. The skating champion Michael Staksrud, who became a member of the Quisling party, mysteriously disappeared a few weeks ago. His body has since been found in a lake near Oslo. There is no trace of how it got there.

German reprisals have been immediate and severe whenever anything of this kind has occurred. When a German soldier was shot in a street brawl in Oslo, the Gestapo immediately gathered in fifteen by-standers, took them to the nearest barracks and shot every other man. Directors of Norwegian schools have been ordered to expel immediately all pupils showing a "provocative attitude" toward the new regime. Norwegians have been forbidden to whistle in the streets, because it was suspected that they whistled derisively whenever Germans passed by. Another recent order has forbidden "impolite words" at meetings addressed by Quisling speakers. Meetings in the street are broken up by the Gestapo.

Sabotage Activities

More serious are undoubted cases of sabotage designed to hamper the German occupying army. Quite recently a fire of suspected incendiary origin destroyed a whole row of warehouses in Bergen filled with German Army supplies, although German soldiers fought it for twenty-four hours. The Norwegian labour unions have united to oppose the transfer of unemployed Norwegians to Germany.

Frequently when the German newsreel, put on by order, is started in a theatre, some one in the dark will start the Norwegian national anthem. In a moment the whole audience will be on its feet singing fervently. When the anthem ends, the audience troops out, leaving the newsreel to be run to empty benches.

Clumsily Conquered

There is no doubt that the Germans, who began by invading

Norway treacherously, have since handled the conquered country clumsily. Their demand that the Storting (Norwegian Parliament) remove the King was a psychological blunder. He, in exile, is now the hero of his people. The story is told that a wealthy Norwegian called at an Oslo restaurant to request the maitre d'hotel to reserve a table for him for "the day of the King's return." He was told that all places were booked for the first three days of those celebrations, but room might be found for him on the fourth.

Norway, like other occupied countries, has been systematically looted by the Germans of eggs, butter and other agricultural produce. Eggs, butter and tobacco are now virtually unobtainable in the open market, but are sold to Norwegians secretly when they can be obtained.

BRITAIN TO GET U.S. PATROL 'PLANES

Ronald Cross, Minister of Shipping, discloses that Britain will get patrol 'planes from the United States for conveying the British merchant fleet.

Addressing the Empire Society, Mr. Cross mentioned the "very valuable acquisition" of fifty American destroyers and added "the long-distance aircraft that we are to receive from the United States will also play an important part in protecting our ships." —Associated Press.

GIRL RULE AN 'INSULT TO TROOPS'

SHEFFIELD'S GRANDMOTHERLY ruling that soldiers who want to take a girl to the pictures must first get the permission of an officer, has been described as an insult to the Forces.

Yet the City Council, despite all protests, confirmed its Watch Committee's rules.

Only one cinema is to be allowed to open on Sunday, and, even if a soldier gets his officer's consent, the girl he takes must not be under sixteen.

Alderman F. Threves, chairman of the Watch Committee, said their only desire was to assist the military authorities.

Councillor Mrs. Ada Moore said she had been asked by the W.V.S. and the W.A.T.S. why girls in these services could not take civilian boy friends.

Alderman Wormersley said the ruling would imply that on joining the Army young men left their homes in a state of innocence and fell into depths of moral de-

gradation immediately. That was not the case—there was nothing to fear. It was wrong that these young men should have to go to a commanding officer or an N.C.O. for "a ticket, if you please," to take their girl friends to the pictures.

Soldiers with daughters under sixteen would be debarred from attending.

Councillor Keeble-Hawson said: "This clause is an insult to the soldiers. I hope at the earliest moment it will be removed."

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WAVELL'S TRIUMPH

Benghazi is a name that British schoolchildren of a brighter to-morrow may have to add to the long list of homely and exotic symbols that already make up British history. Even in Italian history-books the Benghazi chapter may not make altogether sad reading. For it may mark for Italy that point at which events began to break the hold of a war-minded dictator over a people famous for their mastery of the arts of peace.

This may sound like an engaging paradox. Actually it is suggested in reports from Rome where newspapers are talking about treachery in connection with the Italian retreat before British arms in Africa. A dictatorship rests on an illusion of unity among its people and its power to impose this unity when necessary. To admit dissent or inability to suppress it before it threatens the military position of the State is to invite an increase in open opposition to the Government.

Benghazi is important especially for its probable effect on the Italian people and soldiers. It follows soon after resignations of important military and naval leaders, consequent upon the rout of Italian armies in Greece and Albania.

Likewise the news of British advances in Africa will strengthen the British home front. It is something to know that while you and some "47,000,000 Churchills"—the phrase is Italian—are holding an island against attack by a militarised nation of 90,000,000, your forces yet can strike out at that nation's ally in far parts of the world and everywhere put him on the run.

Strategically, by British estimates of it, the war in Africa is not of transcendent importance. And the Italians had more to gain by routing British forces than have the British by routing Italian.

Benghazi to-day stands as a job brilliantly carried through to completion.

And the event is more than superficial. It shows that while the fundamen-

The Peace After The Present War

President Roosevelt's proposals for help to Britain, while unprecedented in themselves, are recognised by those who are willing to look ahead as merely introductory to new political issues so vast and ill-defined that few political leaders have ventured to broach the subject.

A handful of political writers are busy speculating on the new problems that must confront Britain and its sister democracy across the Atlantic between now and the close of the struggle against Nazism. Among them is a Geneva group sponsored by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace which, as a preliminary move, has made a searching study of the origins of the present world disorders and publishes the results in a bulletin "Causes of the Peace Failure 1919-1939".

The Geneva experts are convinced that a state of permanent security will not be possible in the world without general recognition that the social and political order is in a condition of disintegration and that rehabilitation must be not a patchwork but a thorough over-hauling.



Backward Forces Continued

The disintegration, they say, was the cause of, not the result of, the wars that began in 1914 and are still continuing. The same elements that generated the explosion of 1914, "nationalism, machine technique and an economic system of unbridled acquisitiveness" are even more active to-day. The same outdated political system that in 1914 was legislating for a hand-loom and hansom cab age when the world was racing along in cars and planes is still more or less operating to-day. The same inability to allow for the tremendous power of expansion let loose by the machine age operates to-day as in 1914.



Too Universal

The labouring classes feel just as much exploited and discontented. Unemployment is worse.

Politically the great powers and the respective interests ranged the

tal position of Britain at home has been kept virtually intact during months of air and U-boat attack, that position has immensely improved in the Mediterranean. Such a revelation should not be missed by those in control of France's empire, nor, indeed, anywhere in Europe where peoples and leaders are facing the grim choice of surrender or opposition to Nazism.

world for fields to exploit, practically uncontrolled, until available fresh territory no longer existed. Then the explosion came.

Assuming the Geneva verdict to be approximately accurate, the situation is far too universal for any one power to expect that by isolating itself from the conflict it will be able to return to normalcy and business-as-usual as soon as the dust of combat has blown away. The reconstruction work, when it is taken in hand, whether in its social, political or economic aspects, must presumably be worldwide.

The question must soon arise, then: Who is to build, and what material will there be to build with?

At the moment there are only two great powers still standing for the ideals of freedom, justice, international law, sanctity of contracts and a religious basis of national life. There is Great Britain, whose stout resistance to the Nazi onslaughts has proved that a free nation can rise above all the indolence, selfishness and want of conviction that have crippled the initiative of the democracies since Versailles. And there is the United States, which has enjoyed geographical immunity from much of the struggle so far, but which shows no sign of any willingness to give up its way of life at the behest of a foreign dictator.

From these two peoples, therefore, must presumably come the effort to rebuild. As to where to lay the foundations and what to build on them, the outlook is at present bleak.



British Busy

Last July, the late Viscount Halifax, following a similar statement by General Smuts of South Africa, began to enunciate a tentative proposal for a federal union and about the same time Federal Union groups launched a campaign for such a union between the United States and the British Empire.

Since then, however, the British people, driven underground by the savage and indiscriminate bombing by Germans of villages and towns, have been too much concerned in saving themselves from extinction to consider the reconstruction of Europe. Their thoughts have turned to their own national problems, solution of which is perhaps in any case a necessary preliminary to settlement in the world at large.

If, as the Geneva experts suggest, disintegration in Europe has been partly due to the failure of modern political machinery to prevent glaring contradictions in modern society from employers' demands for expansion and workers' discontent over exploitation and unemployment, British labour at least appears by no means inclined to let reform go by default.

In a speech on December 11, Britain's Home Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, a Labour leader entrusted by Mr. Churchill with one of the key posts in the Cabinet, proposed a cooperative international system, guaranteed by an international police air force, and warned that civilised society would be doomed and the world

would stagger into new wars unless the country were put on a new basis. "There must be no monopolies, except those serving the state," he added. "Society must be rid of the twin pests of extreme riches and extreme poverty."



Profit Motive Inadequate

Shortly before, another Labour leader, Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, generally considered to be slated for the Premiership, was quoted as saying in an interview: "England will never again tolerate large numbers of unemployed... the profit motive cannot try to solve the large problem of reconstruction in this country."

These are Leftist views, but they are not merely Leftist idealism. They are voiced by Labour leaders who were called to bear a supremely responsible share in the Government at the greatest crisis in the history of the Empire. Moreover, the ferocious Nazi bombardment has brought to the English people such a sense of unity that neither Rightist nor Leftist is likely to approach the major economic problems in a spirit of selfishness.

While these domestic problems of Britain do not directly affect the economy of the United States and while America's economic problems—which, however, are not essentially different in such matters as wages, conditions of work and unemployment as those of Britain—have not contributed proportionately to Europe's disintegration, nevertheless unity of ideal is bound to play its part in the coming work of reconstruction. Britain's problems must be of serious concern to Americans.



Integration Stressed

British writers at all events are constantly emphasising the need for close integration with the United States. "If," says the London Economist, "the general principle of a community of interest is accepted, we shall have to learn that we must consult the American Government at every stage of our diplomacy. If, in the course of Atlantic collaboration, Britain's freedom to act will have to be curtailed, then the American contribution that can properly be asked for is a similar limitation of her freedom to be inactive... If any permanently closer association of the two nations is achieved, an island people of less than 50,000,000 cannot expect to be senior partner... the centre of gravity and the ultimate decision must increasingly lie in America."

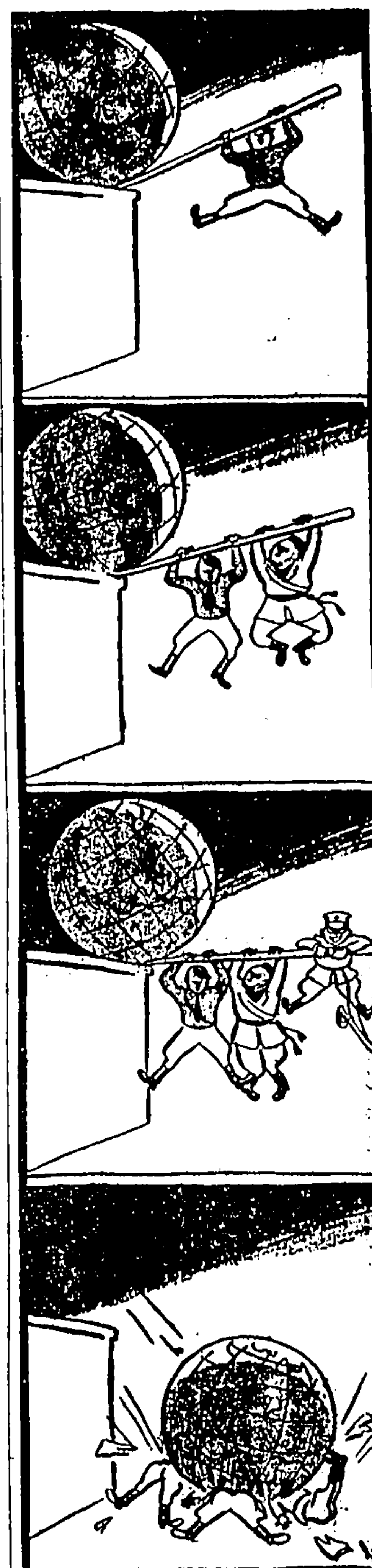
While in all this discussion considerable stress is necessarily laid upon economic difficulties—partly because they are more immediate, while the political arena to-day is in a state of unexampled confusion—nevertheless the Geneva experts insist that the economic aspect must ultimately be subordinate to the political—and the political must be subordinate to the religious.



Religious Unsettlement

Beyond all the economic and political causes of the present disintegration they find religious un-

settlement at the bottom of the trouble. An absence of sound religious conviction in the democracies, they point out, has brought discontent to the masses, who, with their increased educational facilities and no sufficiently religious guidance to fill their vision,



The Fate of the Axis, as seen by a New York P.M. cartoonist.

That is why a mere programme of economic or even political adjustment will not be sufficient. Integration of society, they add, "will not come about as a result of conscious and deliberate effort." It must come from deeper down in the consciousness of the peoples.

"The deepest sickness of the modern world," they conclude, "lies in its lack of any genuine conviction of truth. There results an oscillation between the cynical denial of all abiding truth and the prostitution of truth for the sake of achieving social and political purposes. It is here that the spiritual weakness of the last 20 years becomes most manifest. No enduring structure can be built upon such foundations. The real issue to be faced, therefore, is not 'What is the most efficient formula to arrive at a new integration of society?' but rather 'What is the truth to be served by men?'"

PIMPERNEL BOY'S DASH

GIVEN A LIFT by a German soldier though he was trying to escape from Occupied France, fired on by German sentries, sentenced to be shot, then reprieved and given twenty-five lashes a day to make him talk.

These were some of the adventures described by the seventeen-year-old son of an R.A.F. squadron leader.

When war broke out Michael Brady, son of Squadron-Leader C. P. Brady, was studying at the Sorbonne, Paris. He stayed there until two days before the Germans entered the French capital, when he decided to make an attempt to get to England to his mother and father.

He set off across France, but was taken ill. As he sat down by the roadside, a German soldier came along in a car. He offered Michael a lift.

"I was dressed like a Frenchman and speak good French and I travelled with him for an hour without his having any suspicion of my being English," said young Brady.

"Before he dropped me I managed to take a map from the car to help me on the journey that lay before me.

"Then I 'borrowed' a bicycle from a village street and, pedalling like blazes, made a dash across the boundary line. German soldiers watching for people trying to escape shot at me, and I was hit in the leg.

Aided Soldiers

"It wasn't a bad wound, however.

Still making his way across France, young Michael became friendly with two British soldiers who were in hiding and trying to escape to England. He took them under his wing and when they were challenged by French police got them safely through.

Michael's next job was to get out of France. Taking his life in his hands, carefully avoiding the roads, he left a French border town.

"I was just congratulating myself on being another step towards home when a Spaniard posted me.

"I explained I was British and a civilian, but papers I had with me showed I was trying to join the Navy. That gave the show away. They put me in an internment camp."

In four days he found himself in three separate prisons.

Swam To Escape

He tried to escape. At night he found his way to the wardens' house and stole the prison keys and a revolver.

"I let the others know the gates would be open," said Michael "but they got so excited at the chance of escaping that they made a lot of noise and the wardens got suspicious. Someone told them what was happening. I was taken off and told I was to be shot.

"Everything was ready for the shooting and I had given up hope

when an officer stopped them by suggesting they might make me talk.

"I was put on a bread and water diet one loaf a day—for a week and every day they gave me twenty or twenty-five lashes. For six weeks I was in solitary confinement then they took me to another prison.

"Four days later I escaped by swimming across the river that flowed through the prison camp.

"Free from the prison, I managed to 'jump' a goods train."

And that was the end of the exciting adventures of Michael Brady. Now he is hoping to join the Fleet Air Arm.

FRANCE UNDER THE HEEL

Wearing of the French national colours and display of the French national emblem in occupied France has been forbidden by the Germans.

The ban appears to foreshadow no good for the people of the areas now under German control, since it is the first step to suppress French national sentiment in the northern parts of the country. It is no secret that the Germans, in their plan for a greater Europe, have for a long time had their eye on France's northern provinces, and in any peace dictated by Hitler, it is extremely improbable that the northern and north-western coasts of France will ever be returned to that country. The movement for Breton independence, fostered by the Germans for their own ends, is proof enough of that.

A recent proclamation made by the Mayor of Brest gives some idea of the oppression under which the people of occupied France are labouring.

It also shows, by expressly forbidding the throwing of stones at German soldiers that the spirit of the French people is still very much alive under the Nazi heel. The proclamation says:—

Regulations For The Population

In accordance with instructions from the Kreiskommandantur (German District Command), the Mayor of Brest requests the population to comply with the following regulations:—

1. National Emblem.—By order of the head of the military administration in France, the French population is forbidden to wear the tricolour emblem in public, in whatever form. No object displayed to the public must be decorated with the French national colours.

2. Insult to Italians.—The inhabitants are strictly forbidden to insult the Italian Vice-Consul at Brest, M. Vittorio Job. If the Vice-Consul is insulted afresh the city of Brest will be inflicted each time with a fine of 50,000 francs.

3. Throwing of Stones or Sundry Debris at German Soldiers.—Acts of this sort will be repressed with extreme severity. If the culprits are not discovered the city risks being subject to a considerable fine.

The Mayor counts on the spirit of understanding of the population for the avoidance of incidents the consequences of which may be serious for the whole community.

EARN £3-£4 A WEEK AT 15 - GOT DRUNK

Two boys aged fifteen, stated to be earning good money, one of them between £3 and £4 a week in a war production factory, were accused at Windsor Juvenile Court of being drunk and disorderly.

They told the Court they had been celebrating the departure of a school friend on active service.

They got drunk and fell out among themselves. In a fight one of them who had a knuckle duster missed another boy's face with a punch, but smashed a plate-glass window valued at ten guineas.

The boys were fined £1 each for being drunk. One was ordered to pay ten guineas damages for breaking the window.

1,500,000 EVACUATE

Reception areas have now taken about one and a half million evacuees from London and other places, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, has announced.

He points out that in the reception areas preparations had to be made also for anything up to two million troops.

Latest figures show that in the administrative London County area, 370,000 children of school age have been evacuated, but 80,000 remain.

In East Ham, 30,000 have gone, leaving 4,500, and in West Ham 38,000 are in the country, leaving 5,000 behind.

Of children under five years old, 181,000 have gone from the London County area, leaving 39,000.

At East and West Ham 5,000 and 17,000, respectively, have gone, leaving 3,000 and 4,000 behind.

Mr. MacDonald says that about 4,500 aged and infirm persons had been taken from the London shelters and put into hospitals or homes in reception areas. The same number of old chronic sick had been taken from London institutions to hospitals in reception areas.

"Cockney Gossip" Clubs

But 3,500 refused to be moved. A small committee was organising hostels and homes in the reception areas for aged and infirm and other special cases. Houses were being obtained and a number of people had already started to move.

One of the biggest problems, was to find places where mothers from the cities can get together, do their washing and laundry, and "have a good old Cockney gossip."

Mothers' clubs would meet the difficulty of the busy housewife who wants to turn a family billeted on her out of the house during the day-time, so that she can get on with her own tasks.

Unaccompanied children have presented no small problems.

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WASHINGTON SURPRISED

While terms of the armistice between Indo-China and Thailand are still not officially disclosed, reports from the Far East that Japan has used the occasion to get more out of it than anyone else surprise none here; indeed it had been fully expected.

The general view of the situation is that Japan has secured through the fiction of mediation what she might otherwise have had to fight for.

It is believed in informed quarters here that Japan's new technique is too closely allied to Axis procedure to allow of Berlin's influence being directed from what recently occurred in the Indo-China peninsula for the pattern of events there follows too closely the Nazi pattern to avoid such suspicion.

The idea is believed to be plain to put Japan in a strategic position against both Singapore and Rangoon as well as to be handily placed for advances toward the Netherlands East Indies. It is also expected that Japan will be in a position to use any threat of that nature for some time it is recognized that she has taken a further step in that "strong determination" to push Japanese expansion southward of which Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, Foreign Minister, recently spoke.

"Typhoon Weather"

The "Washington Star" uses the term "typhoon weather" to describe the political situation created by Japan's further encroachment in Indo-China's sovereignty. In the midst of such weather the Jews of the Netherlands East Indies' refusal to be incorporated in Japan's new order is distinctly cheering here.

The New York "Herald-Tribune" refers to the spirited reply to Mr. Matsuoka's suggestion of "intimate, inseparable relation" with Japan and adds, "After the success the Japanese have had in ruffling their way into Indo-China this will be disconcerting to Tokyo. All piratically minded Army and Navy men there who have been whipping up each other's courage for a raid into the South Seas and whetting each other's appetite for easy loot will be wondering if there is not some reason they have overlooked why looting is not going to be so easy."

The paper suggests they will jump at the conclusion that the Netherlands East Indies' reply could not be issued without British encouragement and this may lead them to guess there will be some secret pledge of naval aid from the United States.

Useful Diversion

The "Herald-Tribune" says the Germans are probably delighted to believe this because their only use for Japan is to have her create a diversion of American attention in Europe, but the Japanese are hardly delighted because their only use for Germany is to keep the British Navy busy while they exploit their opportunities, and they would much rather see American vessels in the Atlantic sinking German submarines than posing into the western Pacific to give Japan's prospective victims courage to resist the forces of occupation, whose efficiency the Chinese already have discredited.

While the paper doubts the Netherlands East Indies had any assurance of American support, it adds that they have done well because "nothing is to be won from Japan by meek submission like that of Indo-China and the most likely way to get United States action that would embarrass a Japanese raid on the Indies is to stand up for themselves and fight if they must."—Reuter.

Police as Raid Victims.—According to the latest available figures, 80 policemen have been killed in the London area and 440 injured since the intensified air raids began.

USE OF TORPEDO 'PLANES

The assault carried out by the Fleet Air Arm on the main units of the Italian fleet as they lay in their base at Taranto is unique in the history of air warfare, writes the Air Correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian."

For the first time battleships were completely vanquished by aeroplanes, and for the first time torpedo-carrying aircraft were used in a large-scale attack.

At the present time the Fleet Air Arm is mainly equipped with two types of torpedo 'planes. These are the Fairey Swordfish and the Fairey Albacore. Both are biplanes, and the former, though a machine of 1935 design, has done good work since the war began. The Albacore is a new type and went into service only recently. It has a Bristol engine, and, like the Swordfish, carries a torpedo underneath the fuselage. The crew is accommodated in an enclosed cabin, the pilot sitting in front of the top wing and the navigator and gunner behind him. The performance of the Albacore and its range and speed have not yet been revealed, but its high power and clean lines suggest that it must be an exceptional aircraft.

Britain's Lead

A wealth of experience is behind these torpedo 'planes and the technique required in employing them in such actions as that which has just been made in the Mediterranean. No other country has developed torpedo-dropping from the air to such an extent as Britain, and the method and mechanical devices involved in connection with it have been kept secret. From the close of the last war until last year experiments were being made with aircraft carrying torpedoes weighing nearly 2,000 pounds, and successive types of torpedo-carrying aeroplanes for operation from both shore bases and warships have been produced.

The Axis too employs torpedo 'planes. Germany has numbers of Arado seaplanes and Italy has, among other types, a considerable number of Cant float seaplanes. Some of these have been destroyed by the R.A.F. as well as by the Navy.

'KILL SECRET IN MY MIND'

Captain Romero, on trial for alleged spying in Manila, capital of the Philippine Islands, offered to undergo a brain operation to erase from his memory all military secrets.

He made this dramatic offer when a Government agent testified that he tried to sell highly-secret defence maps to a foreign power.

Maps said to have been stolen from Fort McKinley were found hidden in Romero's trunk. He declared his innocence.

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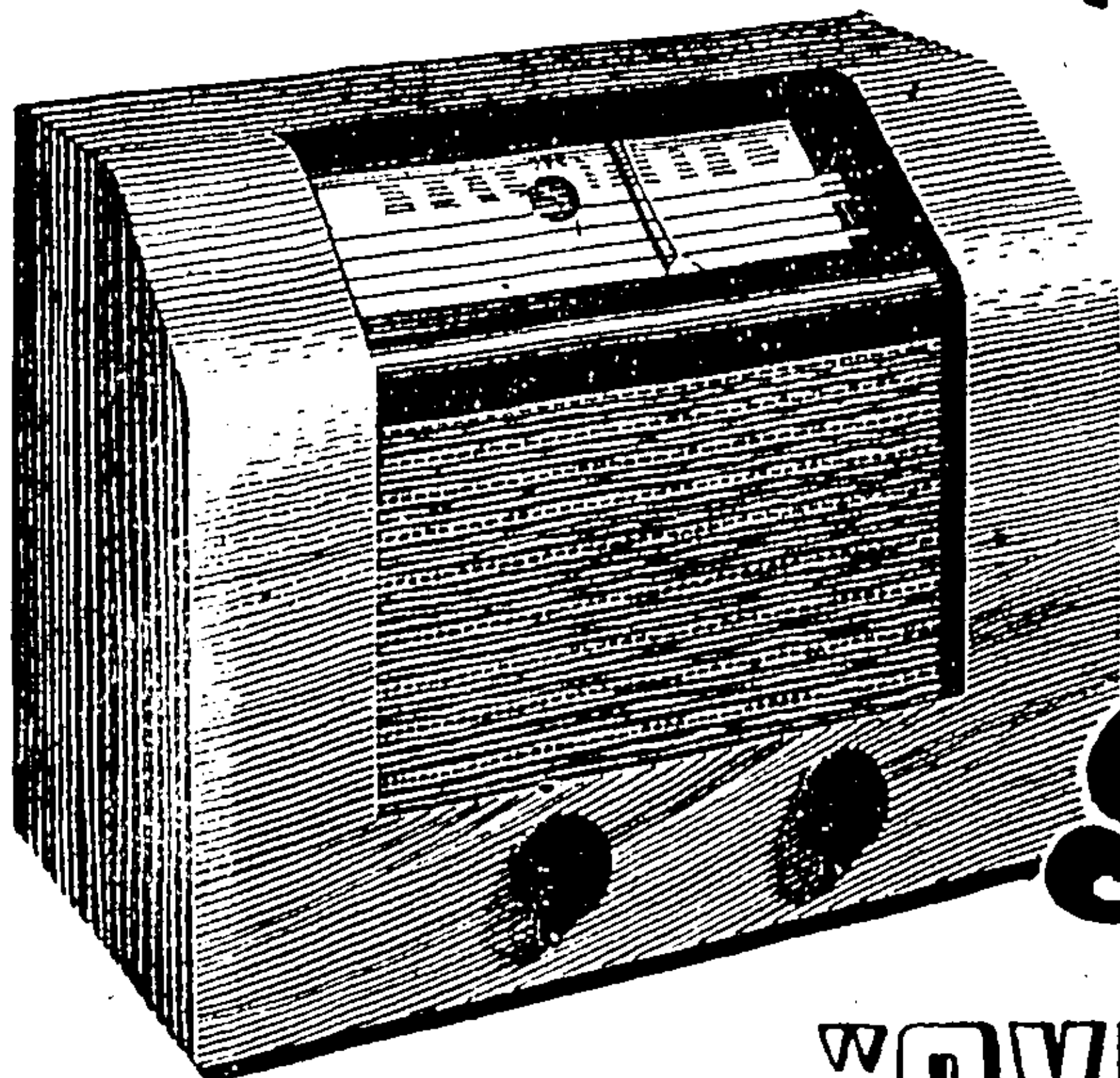
HOTELS BECOME CHURCHES

Altars have been erected and religious services are being held in two Coventry hotels.

They are being used as temporary churches by parishioners of St. Nicholas and St. Francis, Radford, Coventry, which suffered badly in the big raid.

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ADEQUATE SHELTER DESIGN

Some clarification of ideas in the fog of argument about shelters is to be gained from a study of the Government's own recommendations.

It has published a number of hand-books on air-raid precautions, one of which, No. 5 A, deals with the design and construction of bomb-resisting shelters. It will be noted that the title has been carefully chosen, for "bomb-resisting" has not quite the same meaning as "bomb-proof." But the designs in Handbook 5 A include those of shelters which are considered to give adequate protection against a direct hit by a 500lb. bomb travelling at maximum speed—that is, about 1,000 feet per second after falling from an aeroplane at 15,000 feet. In popular language such a shelter would be described as "bomb-proof" because it would keep out all ordinary bombs for the number of bombs of more than 500lb. weight that are dropped is relatively small and the chance of being hit by one is extremely small. Certainly the majority of persons would feel virtually safe in such a shelter.

What, then, does Handbook 5 A recommend? It gives designs for circular and rectangular shelters for 200 persons and a rectangular shelter for 1,200 persons.

It is stated that the roofs of such shelters should consist of concrete five feet thick, internally reinforced with steel bars. This will keep out 500lb. bombs with medium-weight metal cases and still heavier bombs with lighter cases. To keep out 500lb. bombs with heavy metal cases reinforced-concrete roofs seven feet six inches thick are required. But the five-foot will be generally adequate. The rectangular shelter for 200 persons consists essentially of a single block of reinforced concrete with hollows inside for accommodating people.

Part Above, Part Below Ground

It is rather surprising to learn that galleries below ground need walls twice as thick as those above ground. This is due to the confinement of the explosion when it occurs below ground. If a bomb explodes beside a wall above ground, the explosion away from the wall will be into the air and will be virtually unresisted. But if it explodes beside a wall below ground the explosion away from the wall will be resisted by the earth. This will make the effect of the explosion against the wall much more violent. When the explosion cannot move freely in any direction it is described as tamped, and its local violence is increased.

The success of the Anderson shelter is due especially to its good behaviour against earth movements. It is a flexible structure, and in many instances has been shifted one foot by a near explosion without the occupants being hurt.

A concrete or brick underground shelter which will resist such a big earth movement must be made much more strongly, because it is more rigid and less flexible and is unable to "give." One remedy for this drawback is to arrange that underground concrete or brick shelters should be surrounded by an air space one or two feet wide, so that the earth movement due to local explosions will not act directly on the wall but will expend itself in flinging earth into the cavity.

But to return to the bomb-resisting shelter, its underground walls should be 6ft. 6in. thick and the floor should be 5ft. thick. This is to keep out bombs that have penetrated the ground sideways and burrowed under the floor of the shelter.

It is possible to make a rough estimate of how much material would be needed to make such shelters for a substantial fraction of the population in the most important and dangerous places, say for 5,000,000 persons. For this, some 830,000,000 cubic feet of concrete, 4,075,000 tons of cement, and 625,000 tons of steel would be needed. These quantities are not extraordinary. The annual output of the British cement in-

BRIDGE NOTES

A DEEP FINESSE By The Four Aces

"About a month ago you wrote about the excellent bidding of this hand," writes a reader. "All you said about the play was: 'The contract was far from a laydown, but South's careful play earned twelve tricks without excessive difficulty.' I'm sorry to say that my difficulty in seeing the correct play is excessive. I always run up against two diamond losers. Don't you?"

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ Q 9 8 4 3
♥ A
♦ 4 3 2
♣ A 7 6 2

♠ 7 2
♥ K Q J 6 3
♦ K 8 5
♣ Q 10 5

♠ A K J 10 5
♥ 9 5
♦ A Q 9 6
♣ K J

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♥
3♥	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♠	Pass

West's normal lead is the King of hearts, and dummy wins with the Ace. South next draws one round of trumps, and then switches to clubs. The club King and Ace are followed by a club ruff, and dummy is entered with the postponed second round of trumps for another club ruff. Dummy regains the lead with a heart ruff and a diamond is returned from the dummy.

At this point the stage is set for the key play of the hand. Instead of finessing the Queen of diamonds, South finesesses the nine. As it happens, that forces out the King, and the rest is easy. But even if West had been able to win the trick with the ten or Jack of diamonds, South would still make his contract. West would either have to return a diamond up to South's Ace-Queen or lead a heart and allow dummy to discard a diamond while South ruffed. Note also that it does East no good to put up the ten of diamonds on the first round of that suit. That allows South to play the Queen and retain the A-9 as a tenace over East's 10-7.

The play is a rather neat one and is based on the fact that there is less risk in cashing the high clubs with a trump still out than in banking everything on the diamond finesse.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ J 3
♥ K J 5
♦ K Q 4 2
♣ Q J 7 3

The bidding:

Schenken	You	Maler	Jacoby
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	(7)		

ANSWER: Bid two no-trump. Since your partner is fourth-hand his bid must be sound, and you can safely show your "maximum pass."

Score 100% for two no-trump; 70% for two diamonds; 60% for two clubs; 20% for three no-trump; 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 638

To-day you hold the same hand but the bidding is:

You	Maler	Jacoby	Schenken
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
(7)			

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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dustry is about 7,000,000 tons, and there seems to be no good reason why its production should not have been expanded by 80 per cent for such an important object.

ALL OIL SEIZED IN RUMANIA

GENERAL ANTONESCU, Germany's puppet dictator of Rumania, recently seized the whole of the Rumanian oil industry, in which hundreds of thousands of pounds of British capital are invested.

He issued a decree expropriating all pipelines, pumping stations and reservoirs, and the land on which they stand.

The Rumanian Government will in future have the exclusive right to operate existing pipelines and build new ones, and the decree added:

"Pipelines which are not registered with the authorities by their present owners within a fortnight will be taken over without compensation."

Another decree ordered the seizure of all Danube barges, tugs, tankers and sea-going ships owned or used by companies with Jewish stockholders.

This decree enabled Antonescu to seize all British and American oil companies' properties he wished, since these companies undoubtedly have Jewish shareholders.

In view of Germany's need for oil, Britain can find some satisfaction in the official announcement in Bucharest not so long ago that since the summer the daily oil production has fallen from 1,700 tankards to 1,400 tankards.

The reason given is that it has not been possible to transport the full production, but informed circles say the disorders in Rumania are mainly responsible for the drop in production.

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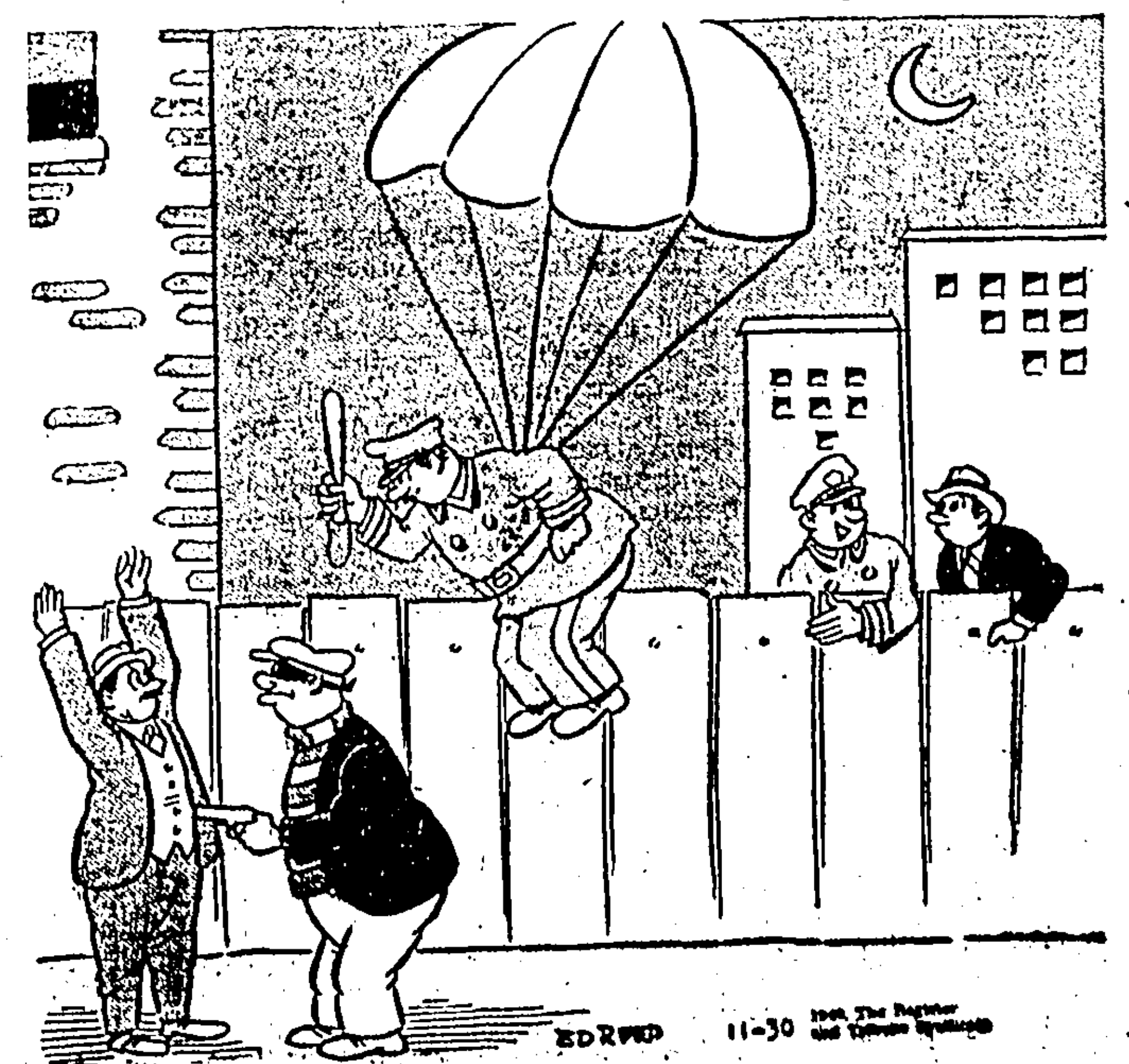
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN Home Dry Skin Facial

As the first step in the treatment of dry skin, a woman should take certain precautions to keep her skin healthy and clear. First, a good night cream is essential to throat beauty, and a week should pass without the throat getting at least two special treatments when the face gets facials.

Many women are prone to neglect throat care, but no reliable beauty salon would think of giving you a facial which did not include creaming, massaging and fanning the throat. So home facials should follow their routine.

Dry Skin Chief Problem

Ladies who have dry skin must work the harder to prevent their throat and face from aging quickly. Rich lubricants, religiously applied, are necessary. Have on your dressing table a jar of extra rich cream for throat massage, a mild astringent, some cotton pads, a cleansing cream, a night lubricant for face skin and the most perfect foundation cream or lotion you can buy. All these seem needed during months of extreme weather when it is very cold or very hot. During the warm part of spring and autumn, dry skin seems to get along nicely without nightly lubricating. During that period weekly massage seems to suffice, so those of you who live in a moderate climate may take you cue for skin care from that.

Facial At Home

I like to advocate that a woman have one professional facial in a responsible salon to learn how a thorough skin treatment is given. It isn't always necessary to come from the salon laden with one of everything which was used in the professional treatment, but it is advisable to buy the essentials of skin care from one line of cosmetics and give those a chance to do their job. Mixing brands of creams can be harmful to dry, sensitive skins—such as using a cleansing cream of one line and a lubricant of another. One may mix brands of make-up with little worry.

Once you know the steps of a throat and face treatment you can take an hour and go through the routine at home, or you may teach another to give you the facial. Somehow the utter, divine relaxation which is possible during a professional facial seems to me to



In downy comfort one relaxes for a throat and face treatment by nimble fingers while one is instructed in corrective massage and told which aids are essential to keep dry skin dewey fresh!

be as valuable to one's beauty as the aids which are put on and taken off the skin! Fortunate is the woman who can afford weekly, or twice weekly, professional facials!

Massaging One's Throat

Always massage your throat upward and outward to prevent drooping lines and to smooth the skin. Use the cushions of fingers and press gently but firmly so as

not to break down the delicate neck tissues but do make certain that the skin is adequately greased and the muscles adequately stimulated. Remember too that your throat should be well cleansed with both cream and a soaping before any lubricant is massaged onto it.

After a facial, the foundation cream or lotion should be spread over both face and throat, and then one's powder applied.

such as pure castile shaved and melted or a castile liquid soap produced by a reliable firm. Be sure to rinse the hair very well after each of the two soapings.

The use of stronger soaps, hot drying appliances, hot curling irons, bleaches or tints should definitely be avoided while you are reconditioning your tired scalp. Also try to avoid tight hats as they thwart the blood circulation which is very necessary to healthy hair.

And by all means do not have a permanent wave until your hair is stronger. If you want a little fluff wind strands of your hair around clean strips of strong rags as women did before machine waves were invented. Dampen the hair slightly first with cologne or water and cologne mixed and sit in the sunshine until it is dry. Then brush out the curls and dress your hair softly. You can get a truly flattering hair-do in this manner.

If a "tired scalp" is taken in time and persistence used in the above treatment, the hair can be made to grow stronger and better. Once you have recuperated enough, exercise your body for ten, fifteen or twenty minutes each day, to help matters along and give you more pep!

ishment, and those foods which contain iodine are the most helpful. These include powdered sea greens, oysters, clams, lobsters, cod liver oil, pineapple, artichokes, garlic and sorrel.

Iodine Cocktail

If your physician approves, you might take the following iodine cocktail daily for one or two months. You will be surprised at the new life which will appear in your hair!

Mix a half teaspoonful of finely powdered sea greens and an egg yolk with a fork. Then beat this mixture into a cup of orange juice.

About Shampooing

Do not shampoo more often than once every two weeks and if you live where it is not very dusty, you may allow three weeks to elapse between shampoos.

Use only the mildest of soaps

Reconditioning

Many women experience a falling hair problem after an illness. This condition is commonly known as a "tired scalp," and is caused by extreme cases of nervousness and any disease which creates a fever even for a short time. In fact the very prevalent influenza sadly weakens the hair roots. If the hairs are dead because of an illness the sooner you brush them free from the scalp the better for new hair is pushing the old out.

What is most needed is to watch the growth of, and care for the new baby hairs which appear so they will not die of malnutrition. Massaging of the scalp should be firm yet gentle and a good tonic with hair growing properties should be used. At first only a little brushing with a soft bristled brush is the rule, as the daily massage is sufficient to stimulate the scalp.

As you are recuperating from your below-par condition do not neglect to eat! Hair needs nour-

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RADIO

12.30 p.m.—Derek Oldham (Tenor) and the London Palladium Orchestra.

1.03 p.m.—Arthur Askey in Variety.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Les Allen (Baritone) and Primo Scala's Accordion Band.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.32 p.m.—Compositions of Mendelssohn.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Boy Friends.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Schumann—Overture 'Mar-fred', Op. 115. The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.

8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 p.m.—Variety.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—Nights At The Ballet. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr.

10.05 p.m.—Elgar—Sonata in E Minor for Violin and Piano, Op. 82.

1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: Romance-Andante; 3rd Mov: Allegro con troppo....Albert Sammons (Violin) and William Murdoch (Piano).

10.30 p.m.—Songs by Dennis Noble (Baritone).

10.40 p.m.—Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

HALF GERMAN DIVE BOMBERS LOST

MORE THAN HALF of the dive-bombers which the Germans sent against this country and its shipping were shot out of the sky.

This statement is made by a high authority, who pointed out that the spectacular successes achieved by the dive-bombers, the Junkers 87's, against the invaded countries were due solely to the absence of opposition.

That state of affairs does not obtain here. The Junkers 87s have been destroyed over Britain in such large numbers when brought against us that they are now completely discredited so far as operations over Britain are concerned. Similarly spectacular were the results obtained by the enemy with parachute troops, but here again the element of surprise has disappeared and we are well equipped to meet any such danger.

Army Cooperation

The authority referred to, discussing the new Army Cooperation Command of the R.A.F., stated that, complicated as the scheme may appear, it has the unanimous support of the Air Staff and the General Staff. The Army did not want its own air force, comparable with the Fleet Air Arm.

The belief that the German dive bombers were working directly as an integral part of the German land forces was not correct it was stated. They were the same dive bombers that worked independently and attacked our ships and later our south coast towns and were found to be very vulnerable in the face of strong fighter opposition.

There was no direct and continuous communication between German ground troops and air formations. In work on the battle field in cooperation with the Army, air superiority was the first essential. Aircraft were under development which would be well suited to such tactical cooperation.

that while staying with the defendant in London, she had double pneumonia, necessitating the attendance of two doctors and two nurses. They had not been paid; neither had the rent of the furnished flat been paid. While she was ill Mr. Ettlinger packed up his things and walked out.

"Like Blackguard"

Mr. Justice Hilbery, giving judgment, said that on the evidence before him, the defendant at every stage appeared to have behaved like a blackguard and with a degree of callousness and meanness in money matters that would have been a disgrace to a full-blooded Englishman. He was not that, because his father, at any rate, was German.

The mother was entitled to compensation for the loss of her daughter's services, and the law could give vindictive damages where a parent had been wounded in her honour and feelings by a seducer's conduct.

GIRL'S FLIGHTS TO PARIS

Mr. Justice Hilbery awarded £900 damages with costs in the King's Bench Division to the mother of a girl who, at the age of 16½, was stated to have been "completely overwhelmed" by the son of her employer.

The plaintiff was Mrs. Ethel Taylor, of Highfield Cottages, Highfield Road, Shepperton, Middlesex. She sued Mr. John Ettlinger, 36, of Whitfield Street, W., for the seduction of her daughter, who was employed as bookkeeper at the Anchor Hotel, Shepperton. Ettlinger was not in court.

Mr. I. J. Lindner, for Mrs. Taylor, said that in the early summer of 1936 Mrs. Ettlinger, defendant's mother, who owned the hotel, suggested that her son should escort Miss Taylor home in his car at night instead of her making the journey by bicycle. Later he began taking her on night flying trips to Paris and lavishly entertaining her at Hanworth and in London. "His manner and his means completely overwhelmed the girl," said Mr. Lindner.

Mrs. Taylor became suspicious and begged Mrs. Ettlinger to get her son to stop the association. In August, 1936, defendant promised his mother that he would give up the association, but nothing was done. Mrs. Taylor threatened to take her daughter away from the hotel.

Induced To Leave

Ettlinger then promised Miss Taylor marriage and induced her to leave home. Towards the end of June, 1937 she entered a Kilburn nursing home and gave birth to a child on July 4.

When she was discharged from the nursing home Mr. Ettlinger put her in a taxi and told her she had better go back to her mother. He would not let her have the baby.

Mr. Justice Hilbery: Where is it? Counsel: He put the child out with a woman in Saffron Walden. Mr. Lindner added that last May Miss Taylor discovered that Ettlinger was associating with other women and that he was married. Miss Taylor stated in evidence

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It is a case of ack-ack, purr-purr, as far as an anti-aircraft battery in the West of England is concerned.

For while the men are firing away at the Jerries, their mascots, two black cats, lie curled up beside the guns with smoke wreathing round them.

As soon as an alarm goes the cats tear from fields or huts and curl up by the guns or the ammunition. Not even a mouse hunt keeps them away. And the more the guns roar, the louder the cats purr.

Their official names, taken from gunnery terms, are Bearing and Q.E., although they are called other things as well.

Q.E., as becomes a lady, takes a special interest in the cleaning of the guns and walks up and down the barrels, making sure they are O.K.

Another section of the same battery had until a few weeks ago an even more exciting mascot, Lewis the goat.

Lewis was not universally popular. With his head wagging in the air he often chose a moment when the guns were firing to take flying leaps in and out of the sandbags.

Unfortunately, too, he took a strong dislike to one of the gunners.

Whenever the wretched man appeared he made a bee line for him and showed off his butting prowess. Whether a charge of assault was brought against him is not officially stated, but in any case Lewis is now in the hands of the police.

FORTY THOUSAND TROOPS have ended large-scale winter manoeuvres in England — and the whole operation was based on what the B.E.F. would do after a successful new landing on the coast.

It enabled the Army High Command to study the employment and handling of a corps, chiefly highly mechanised, in a rapid offensive movement.

The newest system of close air support — aircraft harrassing the enemy in low-level bombing and machine-gunning — was demonstrated. It was clear that the assistance given was swifter even than that which the Luftwaffe practised in Poland and the Low Countries.

Another form of close air support was practised with outstanding success, but Press representatives were not permitted to describe it.

Infantrymen trudged forty miles in thirty-six hours, sometimes over soggy fields and through quagmires, while mechanised columns drove astride roads black with sudden leaves.

Travel 300 Miles

The armoured division, complete with light, medium and cruiser tanks, and with hundreds of other fighting vehicles and transport, travelled over 300 miles in three days and nights.

Two squadrons of planes gave close air support to the infantry division which, with the crack 25-pound artillery, broke a thick "crust" of enemy resistance.

Another squadron cooperated with the armoured division, in-

cluding the Army's "anti-panzer" motor battalion.

The corps was presumed to be moving to the support of another corps which had already been facing the enemy some weeks. Chief observer was Sir Alan Brooke, commander-in-chief of the Home Forces.

Crown Prince Olaf of Norway led uniformed spectators representing Free Forces of Norway and Poland. While the Prince was watching an attack, the captain of his party held up the chauffeur of his car, parked half a mile away.

"Take my men to their objective," said the captain.

The Crown Prince, who had to follow the manoeuvres for the next few hours in another car, took the joke in good part.

From the moment troops left barracks they were never once attacked by German airmen.

P.-C. S LOOTED-GET TEN YEARS

Sentence of ten years penal servitude for looting was passed on two Portsmouth policemen at Hampshire Assizes at Winchester.

Douglas John Clark, thirty-eight, and Arthur Elmar Beeson, twenty-three, pleaded guilty to stealing from premises at Southsea, damaged by war operations. Clark took a 28 gns. mink marmot coat and Beeson a skunk cape valued at 8 gns.

Superintendent W. Wilson gave both men good characters.

Clark he said, with thirteen years' service in the force, was a married man with three children. He was an ex-gunner in the submarine service.

Beeson, who was at one time employed as a clerk in Southampton, was also married, with one child. He had been in the police force for three years.

The Judge, summing up, said that public justice required that such offences, under such circumstances, should be punished with the severity they deserved.

ARMY BOXING

Middlesex Regiment beat combined Royal Artillery by 24 points to 16 in the Semi-final round of the Area Inter-Unit Novices' Boxing Championship at Shamshuipo last night.

The winners will meet Royal Scots in the Final at Shamshuipo Barracks to-night. The first bout will be at 8.30 p.m.

Results:
Bantamweight:—Pte Anderson (Middlesex), walkover.

Featherweight:—Gnr Agar (R.A.) beat Pte Macey.

Featherweight:—Gnr. Bayley (R.A.) beat Pte. Hanshaw.

Lightweight:—Pte. Gratton (Middlesex) beat Gnr. Owens. Gnr Whittle (R.A.) beat L/C Hill. Pte. Lanagan (Middlesex), walkover.

Welterweight:—Pte. Colman (Middlesex) beat Gnr. Chandler. Pte. Nash (Middlesex), Pte. Toomey (Middlesex), walkover.

Middleweight:—Gnr. Maher (R.A.) walkover. Gnr. Millard (R.A.) beat L/C Muchenbach. Pte. Hoxan (Middlesex) beat Gnr. Baker T.K.O.

Light Heavyweight:—Pte. Cooper beat Gnr. Pridmore.

Heavyweight:—L/C. Smith (Middlesex) beat L/Bdr. Douley.

Welterweight:—Pte. Byford (Middlesex) beat Gnr. Campbell.

WATER-POLO MATCH

A water-polo match between the European Y.M.C.A. and Middlesex will be played to-morrow at "Y" pool. Teams:

Middlesex. — Pte. Berry, Sgt. Freshwater, Bdsn. Tymas, P. S. M. Ure, Pte. Bindon, Pte. Burdge, and Pte. Jennings.

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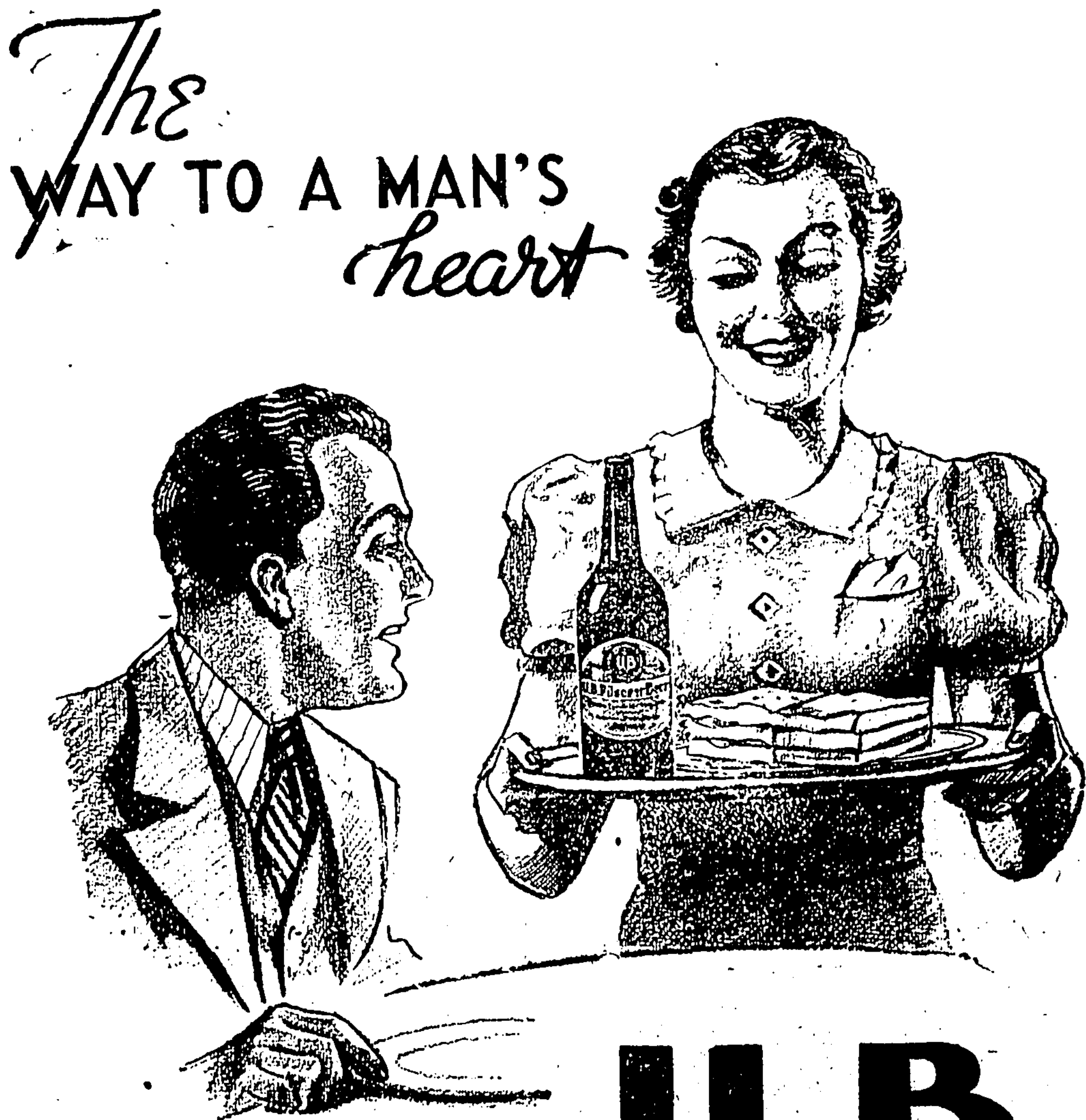
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NAVY FAVOURED TO WIN RUGBY SEVENS TOURNAMENT

Expected To Meet Club In Final On March 1

17 Of 26 Teams Selected: Two Keen Games On Saturday

By "Scrum-Half"

THE SEVEN-A-SIDE RUGBY TOURNAMENT COMMENCES ON SATURDAY WITH 10 MATCHES, OR NINE MATCHES IF IT IS TRUE THAT A.S.C. HAVE GIVEN BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE A WALK-OVER, AND THERE ARE GOING TO BE SOME VERY LIVELY MATCHES BEFORE THE SHIELD IS PRESENTED ON MARCH 1.

I have a few of the teams, sufficient, I think, to make a complete forecast at this early stage and despite the doubt that surrounds such fine players as J. C. Charter, who will not be back from his honeymoon until next week, and Tel. Paul, who is feverishly putting the finishing touches to an injured knee.

First Round winners should be Club "A", the holders, Middlesex "A", Civil Service, Royal Scots "A", Royal Engineers, B & S, 8th Heavy "A", Combined Small Units "A", Hong Kong Bank and Tamar & Small Ships "A".

Second Round winners should be Club "A", Civil Service, Royal Engineers, 12th Heavy "A", Club "B", Police "A", 8th Heavy "A" and Tamar & Small Ships "A".

Quarter-finalists should be Club "A", Royal Engineers, Police "A" and Tamar & Small Ships "A".

Semi-finalists should be Club "A" and Tamar & Small Ships "A".

Winners: Tamar & Small Ships "A".

It is rather daring to make the above forecast, but I had to follow my clean sweep in last season's series.

Two Close Games

Looking at next Saturday's programme I must say Middlesex "A" are not going to have matters all their own way against Tamar & Small Ships "B", who will have Rutherford, Winter, Morahan, Wilson and Skinner among their likely starters.

Another close game will be that between the Sappers and 5th A.A. "A", who have in Giblin and Wedderburn two very dangerous sevens players. Wedderburn is hooking!

Richards and Marsh are likely to put paid to Jardine's account as I cannot see Bosanquet or Nelson eluding or stopping them. This should be a very fast game with forward play at a minimum—just as sevens should be played.

Programme

Following is Saturday's programme at Causeway Bay:

FIRST ROUND

Club "A" v Royal Scots "B", 2.30 p.m. Referee: Lt. Comdr. Harrison.

Middlesex "A" v Tamar & Small Ships "B", 2.50 p.m. Referee: E. Matthews.

12th Heavy "B" v Civil Service, 3.10 p.m. Referee: J. S. Riddell.

Police "B" v Royal Scots "A", 3.30 p.m. Referee: Major Curran.

R.E. v 5th A.A. "A", 3.50 p.m. Referee: Lt. Firie.

B. & S. v A.S.C. 4.10 p.m. Referee: Lt. Comdr. Harrison.

8th Heavy "A" v Jardine's, 4.30 p.m. Referee: E. Matthews.

5th A.A. "B" v Combined Small Units "A", 4.50 p.m. Referee: J. S. Riddell.

H.K. Bank v 5/7th Rajputs, 5.10 p.m. Referee: Major Curran.

8th Heavy "C" v Tamar & Small Ships "A", 5.30 p.m. Referee: Lt. Firie.

The Teams

Following are some of the teams:

Middlesex "A"—L/Cpl. Muggeridge; Lieut. Weedon and Capt. Man; Pte. Jones; Pte. Berry, Sgt. Bayly and Capt. Hewitt (capt.).

Reserve: L/Cpl. Wilson.

Middlesex "B"—Pte. Thompson (80); Pte. Thompson (39) and Sgt.

Sturdy, Pte. Samuels, Lieut. Wiltoughly (capt.), Sgt. Burrell and Pte. Woolley.

Reserve: D. M. Holdford.

Royal Engineers: Spr. Jones (T), Cpl. Phton and Cpl. Birrell.

Cpl. Foley (capt.); Spr. Martin (L), L/Sgt. Davis and L/Sgt. Sheldrake.

Reserves: L/Sgt. Brinkley, Cpl. Apperley and Spr. Rees.

Club "A"—H. van Leeuwen; D. H. Stewart and H. D. Bidwell; J. M. Thomson; C. F. Needham, A. F. Walkden (capt.) and R. E. Heasman.

Reserve: D. Thomas.

Club "B"—R. M. Lavalley; P. Wilson and F. Clemo; W. Stoker (capt.); J. Olesen, E. W. Stout and L. A. Benn.

Police "A"—D. H. Taylor; Reynolds and G. S. Wilson (capt.); Wright-Nooch; Dempsey, Cullinan and Innis.

Reserve: Wall.

Police "B"—Jackson; Fay and Dingsdale; Oakley; Searle (capt.), Lewis and Rose.

Reserves: Leslie and Jenner.

5/7 Rajputs: Pollock (capt.); Allan and Fandland; Scriven; Ambell, Course and Wood.

12th Heavy Regt. "A"—Gnr. Keeble; Gnr. Frost and Gnr. Miners; Gnr. Foster; 2/Lieut. Eddison; L/Bdr. Luckett and 2/Lieut. Bompass (capt.).

Reserves: Lieut. R. B. Smith and L/Bdr. Dooley.

12th Heavy Regt. "B"—Gnr. McCarthy; Gnr. Howarth and Gnr. Couch; Gnr. Bevan; L/Bdr. Pain; 2/Lieut. Delderfield (capt.) and Bdr. Giddins.

Reserves: Gnr. Jones and Gnr. Denton.

Hong Kong Bank: D. G. Day; M. G. Carruthers and G. G. Aikenhead; F. M. Thompson; R. C. Gairdner, J. S. Dunnett and A. M. Kennedy (capt.).

Reserve: J. S. Lee.

Combined Small Units "A"—Pte. Macdonald; Lieut. Coumbes (capt.) and Sgt. Hamlin; L/Cpl. Morgan; Sgt. Mansfield, Cpl. Chandler and Sgt. Bedford.

Reserve: Pte. Mohan.

Combined Small Units "B"—Cpl. McPherson; Pte. Pratt and L. A. C. Gracey; Pte. Whybro; Pte. Wigglesworth, Capt. Crew (capt.) and Cpl. Gash.

Reserve: Sigm. Lithauer.

Civil Service: A. J. G. Taylor (capt.); L. E. Lammert and T. O. Morgan; J. Redman; B. Hynes, F. Burford and E. W. R. Hackett.

Reserve: J. C. Charter.

5th A.A. Regt. "A"—2/Lieut. Fairclough; Gnr. Giblin and Gnr. Baker; Gnr. Dobbinson; Gnr. Evens, 2/Lieut. Wedderburn and Sgt. Page (capt.).

Reserves: Bdr. Mew and Gnr. Bowen.

5th A.A. Regt. "B"—Gnr. Eastbrook; Gnr. Mulligan and 2/Lieut. T. A. Pearce; Gnr. Sutcliffe; L/Bdr. Clarke, 2/Lieut. Banner and 2/Lieut. Heath (capt.).

Reserves: Gnr. Mullen and Gnr. Owen.

Jardine's: D. I. Bosanquet (capt.); N. J. Booker and D. B. Nelson; J. C. Eager; R. G. Geer, R. G. Whitbourne and G. J. P. Carey.

Reserves: T. Swan and I. D. Bruce.

LEAGUE TABLE

	Games					
	P.	L.	W.	F.	A.	Pts
King's	6	1	5	39	10	10
Chung Wah	4	1	3	27	9	6
Recreio	4	2	2	18	18	4
V.R.C.	4	3	1	10	26	2
J.R.C.	5	5	0	9	36	0

SECTION "B"						
K.C.C.	6	0	6	36	19	12
St. John's	5	1	4	31	14	8
St. Andrew's	5	3	2	24	21	4
Kowloon Tong	6	4	2	24	30	4
Police	6	6	0	11	43	0

BADMINTON

K.C.C. FULLY EXTENDED

Kowloon Cricket Club, leaders in Section "B" of Junior Division of the Badminton League, were given their most severe test thus far this season when Kowloon Tong only went down on the last game of the evening.

It was a most gruelling match, most of the games being very closely-contested, and over three hours was required for its completion.

J. Tsang and Peter Lo gave a great display in beating the powerful Wynter-Blyth-Fisher combination, while other outstanding players were F. H. Kwok, for Kowloon Tong, and J. L. Anderson, of K.C.C.

The match between Chung Wah and V.R.C. was postponed and in the two other games, St. John's and King's both registered victories.

Following were the scores:—

K. Tong v K.C.C.

Kowloon Tong lost to Kowloon C.C. 4-5.

Peter Lo and J. Tsang (K. Tong).

lost to J. L. Anderson and Wynter Blyth 2-24

beat A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth 23-20

beat E. Zimmerman and A. E. P. 21-18

Guest 21-18

R. Lee and N. A. E. Mackay (K. Tong).

beat Anderson and Jones 24-23

lost to Fisher and Wynter Blyth 2-21

lost to Zimmerman and Guest 10-21

S. Kwok and Chan (K. Tong).

lost to Anderson and Jones 11-21

lost to Fisher and Wynter Blyth 18-21

beat Zimmerman and Guest 21-17

Police v St. John's

Police lost to St. John's 3-6.

W. Gillies and Gordon (Police).

lost to S. Eardley and D. Kwok 14-21

beat N. Smith and N. Whitley 21-12

beat R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd 21-3

H. Dingsdale and H. S. Siu (Police).

lost to Eardley and Kwok 17-21

lost to Smith and Whitley 17-21

beat Maynard and Ladd 21-17

T. J. Mackay and R. Hogarth (Police).

lost to Eardley and Kwok 5-21

lost to Smith and Whitley 9-21

lost to Maynard and Ladd 11-21

King's v J.R.C.

King's College beat Jewish Recreation Club 7-2.

K. L. Lui and J. Pau (King's).

lost to J. Odell and M. Talan 17-21

beat B. Godkin and S. Ramler 21-6

beat A. R. Pollak and J. Odell 21-0

S. P. Chan and K. J. Atwell (King's).

beat Odell and Talan 21-13

beat Godkin and Ramler 21-14

beat Pollak and Odell 21-7

W. C. Chung and K. H. Lo (King's).

lost to Odell and Talan 20-23

beat Godkin and Ramler 23-22

beat Pollak and Odell 21-12

SUNDAY CRICKET LEAGUE AT I.R.C.

(By A Special Correspondent)

ALTHOUGH INDIAN Recreation Club are not doing as well as in former years in Senior Division of the Cricket League, their junior team, under the captaincy of M. R. Abbas, is making a great effort to keep the Sookunpoo flag flying, despite a couple of early season defeats.

The brightest part about cricket at this club, however, is that more non-League players are taking part this year in their Sunday League than ever before, even though only four teams are competing as against the average six or seven in the past.

These teams are led by K. Nazarin, A. Bakar, H. T. Barma and M. Abdul-Wahab respectively, and the competition is already about half-way through.

In the days of the late Frank Pereira competition was so keen that almost every member of the Club's 1st XI played for one team or another. To-day, apart from a couple of League players in each side, the teams are made up almost entirely of schoolboys, some of them hardly taller than a full-sized cricket bat.

Standard Not High

As might naturally be expected, the standard of cricket cannot be said to be too high but the keen interest taken in the game by the youngsters augurs well for the future of cricket at the I.R.C.

In former years teams representing Malay, the Electric Company, "Incogs," "Stoics" etc., were entered but this time those members who wanted to take part had to submit their names to the sub-committee in charge of the competition and the teams were selected by the sub-committee, thus ensuring that balance in strength that makes for good finishes.

One of the keenest members of the club is H. T. Barma, who must have had about 15 years of cricket, while A. Bakar, who is on the staff of the Ellis Kadoorie Indian School is a sort of non-playing captain of a team made up of boys from that school. Barma's team, known as the Bhoras, have played two and won two while the school eleven won the only game they played.

Nazarin's team lost to Barma's XI by a very narrow margin two Sundays ago—there was no cricket last Sunday owing to the wetness of the ground following Saturday's rain—and a feature of the game was the fine innings of "Tarzan" Ismail who got out when one short of the half-century in trying to knock the cover off the ball!

Right Methods

The captains of the different sides are, to my mind, going about things in the right way.

They do not care for points although the Cat Stout Shield, presented by Messrs. Harry Wicking & Co., goes to the winners every season, but prefer to see that every "budding bowler" or would-be Bradman is given that amount of encouragement that is required to bring the best out of the youngsters.

As for the older members of the Club—and here I mean the League players—they do the right thing by turning up on Sunday mornings as spectators, for there is nothing like a crowd to encourage the young 'uns, be it a cricket match, a football match or a game of marbles!

BASKETBALL TREAT FOR THE COLONY

California's golden, star-studded 20th Century Fox Film basketball team, which passed through Hong Kong two weeks ago on route to the Philippine Islands, are booked to give an exhibition game in the Colony against a local all-star aggregation, upon their return, in aid of charity.

Arrangements have already been started to stage the exhibition either at Hong Kong University's spacious gymnasium, or the Chinese Y.M.C.A. The team is scheduled to arrive in Hong Kong about February 21st, remaining overnight.

This American all-star hoop quintette, which won the Pacific Coast A.A.U. championship last year, is made up of former college stars, most of whom were selected on all-conference teams during their collegiate "rah, rah, rah" days.

High-Class Treat

The performance of these brilliant cage artists in this Colony should be a real high-class treat for local court fans and all interested in seeing the world's finest calibre of basketball, as it is played in America.

It will be recalled that Vancouver's Maple Leafs, Canadian basketball champions in 1938, gave a brilliant exhibition in Hong Kong two years ago during their Oriental tour.

Basketball, as it is played today, is a highly scientific game, the old individual dribbling method being replaced by modern well-timed, streamlined screening plays. These Californian giants all tower over the six foot mark and are considered masters in the art of using deceptive screening plays.

Arrangements are being made to have some of these cage stars give short talks on the intricacies of basketball, on the afternoon of their arrival in Hong Kong, to local basketball enthusiasts. —Contributed.

SHIELD DRAW

The draw for the Second Round of the Senior and Junior Shield competitions was made at the monthly meeting of the Football Association last night and resulted as follows:—

SENIOR SHIELD

Royal Scots v Navy
Kwong Wah v Eastern
Police v S. China
St. Joseph's v Sing Tao

JUNIOR SHIELD

S. China v Police
Service Corps v R.A. or Signals
Eastern or Navy v International
Sing Tao v 30th R.A.
Dates and grounds will be fixed later.

Army Service Corps Spoil Sappers Unbeaten Record

ROYAL ENGINEERS, leaders in Second Division of the Football League sustained their first League defeat yesterday when at Sookunpoo they were beaten by three clear goals by Royal Army Service Corps, their nearest rivals, after being led at the interval by two goals.

Service Corps were the more methodical team though they took more time to settle down than the Sappers but once they did, they played well and fully deserved their win.

Service Corps showed better combination in the forward line and all the forwards were dangerous when in possession. Glen, on the right wing, sent in good centres while Morgan and Clarke needed constant attention. Weir was always assisting the defence and kept Martin continually on the move. The latter made some neat runs down the wing but missed several good scoring chances.

Hammond Plays Well

Hammond, at left-half played well and kept the speedy Lee Wai-lam well in check while Young in the pivotal position had Fox well covered. Behind them Murray was

MACAO SURPRISES S. CHINA

By "Sportshawk"

Fielding only four First Division players, South China were defeated by Macao Football Association yesterday at Caroline Hill by the odd goal in seven, after leading at the interval by 2-1.

The visitors played good football in the second half, although they were defeated in the first period.

Macao's narrow victory over the Colony Champions might be attributed to the brilliant keeping during the later stages of the second half of Carvalho, who was, however, shaky earlier in the game.

During the last 10 minutes of the play South China applied great pressure and appeared likely to force a draw, but then heavy raids were all repulsed by Carvalho.

The visiting backs cleared well, while their two inside forwards, Guerreiro and Badarraco, showed good combination.

Apart from their senior players, none of the South China players impressed.

Tse Kam-hung was sound in defence. Lam Tak-po was safe in the pivotal position, while Chow Man-chi and Lee Tak-kee were outstanding in attack.

South China drew first blood about five minutes from the start through Chow Wing-kuen and Chin Chi-fan added a further goal shortly after.

Visitors Equalise

The visitors reduced the lead in the 20th minute of play through Chong Hong-kwong.

Only about three minutes after the resumption, Macao equalised through Guerreiro and, shortly after, took the lead through Badarraco.

Apparently heartened by this lead, Macao played much better soccer thereafter and Ip Po-tou placed the visitors still further ahead with a good ground shot.

The local players applied great pressure and were seen in the visitors' circle for most of the 15 minutes before the end, during which they were only allowed to net once through Chang Wei-cheung.

SOUTH CHINA:—Ho Po-pui; Wong Sui-kee and Tse Kam-hung; Chang Wei-cheung (Chow Man-chi second half), Lam Tak-po and Ho Lok-kee; Lai Chung-yin, Chow Wing-kuen (Chang Wei-cheung second half), Lee Tak-kee, Chow Man-chi (Lee Shek-yau second half) and Chin Chi-fan.

MACAO:—Carvalho; Chifu and Corrova; Mendes, Airosa and Magalhães; Chong Hong-kwong, Sousa, Guerreiro, Badarraco and Ip Po-tou.

Soccer Postponements

Owing to Volunteer Camps, the First Division Football match between St. Joseph's and Royal Navy, and the Second Division match between Club and Middlesex, both scheduled for Saturday, have been postponed.

worked hard. Birrell never gave up trying while Taylor did his share. In the early stages of the game the halves left too big a gap between themselves and their forwards and in the second period, in an attempt to give them more assistance they allowed the opposing wingers too much scope.

Palmer made a welcome return to the Sappers' team and he gave a really good display at full back. He was the best Sapper player on view and his good clearances and hard kicking kept the Service Corps forwards from scoring more. Tan Kong-pak was erratic at times.

Service Corps opened the scoring in the first half through Morgan from a partially cleared centre from Glen and a few minutes later the same player again scored.

Sappers attacked from the restart and Fox missed a great opportunity of reducing the lead

when he shot over the bar when well placed. At the other end Martin and Clarke had hard luck with good shots. Service Corps increased the lead through Clarke.

Chung-sing had a hard shot saved by Mattison while Fox again missed from a good position. The game ended with Sappers trying hard to reduce the lead.

ENGINEERS — Moxham, Palmer, Tsang Chung-pak; Birrell, Shaw, Taylor, Lee Wai-lam, Chan Ying-kuen, Fox, Polham and Chung Sing.

R.A.S.C. — Mattison, Murray, Bradshaw, Smart, Young, Hammond, Glen, Morgan, Clarke, Weir, Martin.

SECOND DIVISION

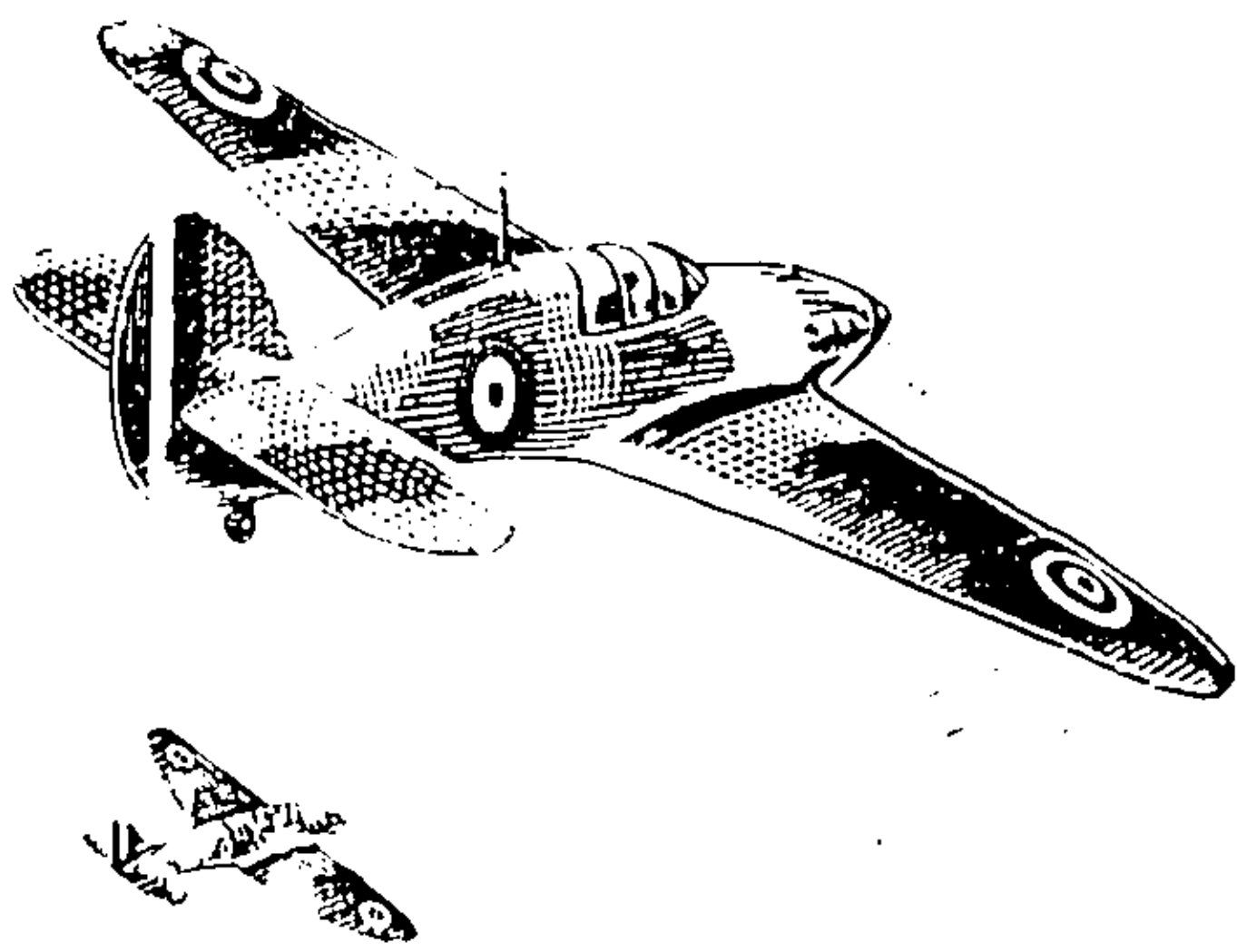
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R.A.S.C.	20	15	2	3	90	29	32
Sing Tao	18	12	3	3	55	23	27
S. China	19	11	5	3	72	21	25
Middlesex	19	11	3	5	59	36	25
R. Scots	18	9	2	7	44	29	20
R. Navy	18	9	2	7	45	43	20

At the monthly meeting of the Council of the Football Association, it was stated that the Association would be willing to bear the cost of hospital and medical expenses incurred by Lee Ting-sang, who broke his arm while playing on behalf of the Association recently, but were unable to do anything more financially as this would cause Lee Ting-sang to lose his amateur status.

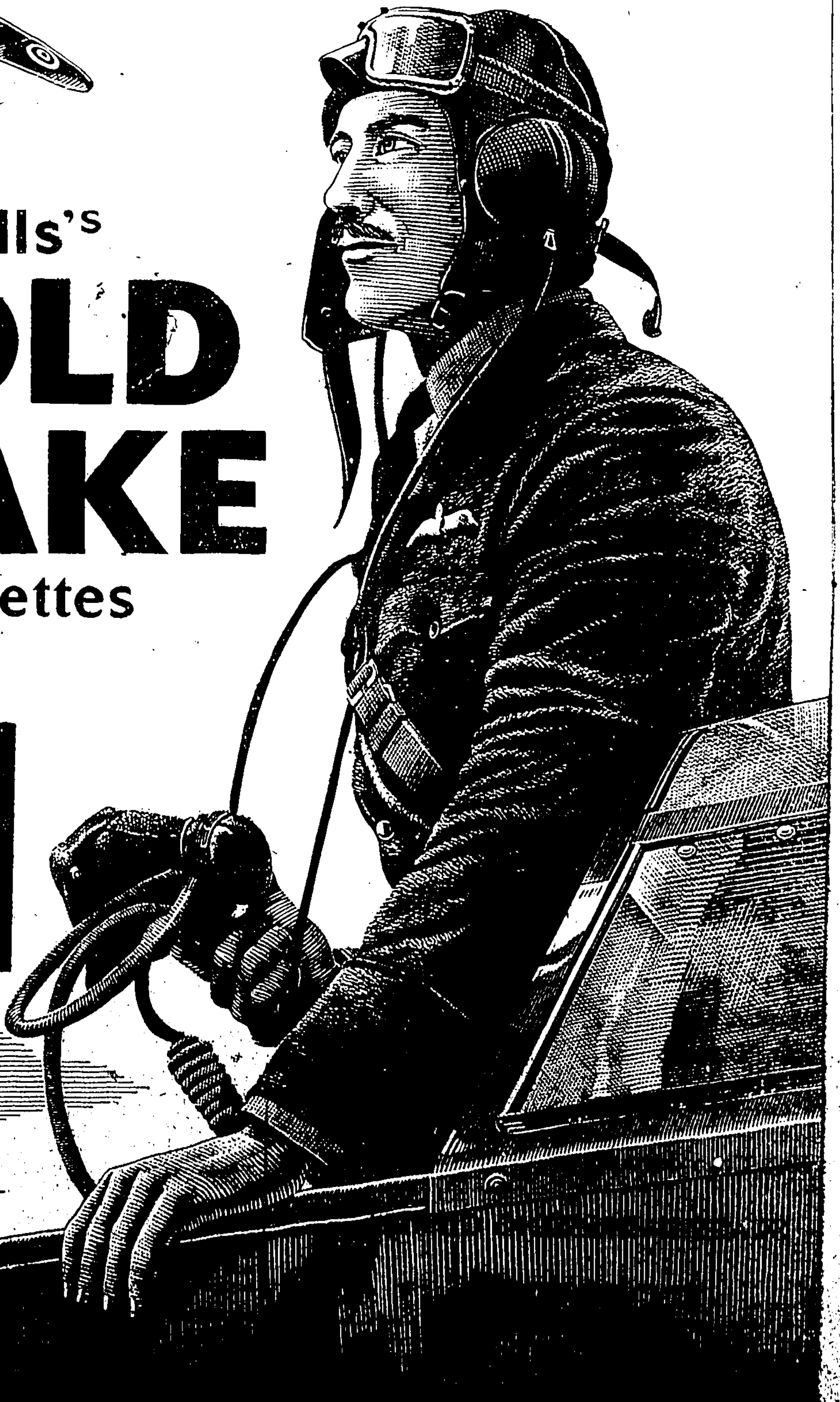
A letter was received from the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation advising that the Burma Chinese football team would arrive in the Colony on April 10 and asking the Association to allot them dates.

It was decided that permission be given for the games to be played on any date after April 10, except on Saturday, April 12 which was reserved for the Shield Final.

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PEACE AIMS CONTROVERSY

Call For Formal Statement Renewed In Commons

MALAYAN IRON ORE SUPPLY TO JAPAN

A forthcoming question in the Commons by Sir George Broadbridge asks whether Government is aware that the States of Trengganu and Kelantan are sending regular shipments of iron ore to Japan and that in view of the fact that Japan has joined the Axis alliance, will steps be taken to stop this supply. — Reuter.

ARMISTICE VIOLATION

THAT VIOLATIONS OF THE ARMISTICE CONVENTION WITH INDO-CHINA ARE ALLEGED BY FRENCH AUTHORITIES IN VICHY WHO STATE THAT THESE VIOLATIONS HAVE OCCURRED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

The violations have been brought to the attention of the Japanese Government who are acting as mediators in the border dispute. — Reuter.

Government Not Yet Ready

EFFORTS TO INDUCE THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE A FORMAL STATEMENT OF BRITAIN'S PEACE AIMS WERE RENEWED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Mr. John Martin, Labour member, asked the Government whether consultations on peace aims and reconstruction had taken place with the Government of the United States.

Mr. Churchill replied there was such thorough comprehension in the United States of "what we are fighting for and stand for that I cannot recall any occasion when those questions were mentioned by American representatives whom I had seen or American correspondents.

Statements on British policy will be made on occasions as seem agreeable to public interests.

The matter was again raised on adjournment in the form of a debate which brought another — though short — Government declaration.

Of the four speakers, two argued for a Government declaration, one against it, while the Lord Privy Seal, Mr. Clement

Atlee, reiterated there would be a declaration at the right time, but that the Government must be the judge of that right time.

For A New World

"THERE IS A GROWING UNDERSTANDING," SAID MR. ATLEE, "THAT WE ARE FIGHTING FOR A NEW WORLD, NOT ONLY FOR BRITAIN BUT FOR EUROPE AND THE WHOLE CIVILISED WORLD."

"There is also a growing realisation," continued Mr. Atlee, "of the close linking of our political and economic aims. There is a growing appreciation of the importance of linking peace aims for the world outside and peace aims for this country.

But when a statement is made we want a statement that will make for unity at home, unity with the Dominions, unity with the United States and all the civilised peoples in trouble with us.

The right time must be chosen and the right thing said if we are to use this very powerful weapon to end the war and establish peace." — Reuter.

NORTH CHINA TRADE RESTRICTIONS

Trade difficulties in North China were again raised in the House of Commons by a member asking the Foreign Secretary whether exports from there are permitted only on payment in Japanese Federated Reserve Bank currency and that imports are not permitted without licence from the bank.

It was asked whether representations have been made to Japan that such control is inconsistent with the Japanese undertaking not to injure foreign interests.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that the facts were known and that repeated representations have been made by the British Government and other governments without a satisfactory answer. — Reuter.

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GOERING'S MURDER SQUADS ODD INACTIVITY

An Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security Communique yesterday again recorded "nothing to report during daylight."

Up to a late hour on Tuesday night there was no report of enemy air activity over any part of Britain. — Reuter.

36 ALERTS IN 6 DAYS

Several raids on Malta were carried out during Tuesday night but no damage was done to Government property and no casualties have occurred.

One enemy aircraft was damaged during the raid on an R.A.F. detachment on Tuesday afternoon.

Malta has had thirty-six alarm signals in the last six days. — Reuter.

CHUNGKING VERSION DENIED

A Japanese Naval spokesman in a statement yesterday contradicted the Chungking claims that the bodies of Admiral Osumi and others who were victims of a "plane accident" on February 5 near Canton, were buried by the Chinese.

The spokesman declared that Japanese bluejackets effected a landing on the southern foot of Mount Hwangyang to the south of Canton, on February 7, and recovered the wreckage and the bodies of the victims which were later taken aboard a Japanese naval vessel.

The Japanese Naval spokesman's statement categorically denies that Admiral Osumi was proceeding to the South Seas as the Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Japanese Fleet in the South Seas and also states that the plane was not shot down by ground fire but crashed into Mount Hwangyang. — Reuter.

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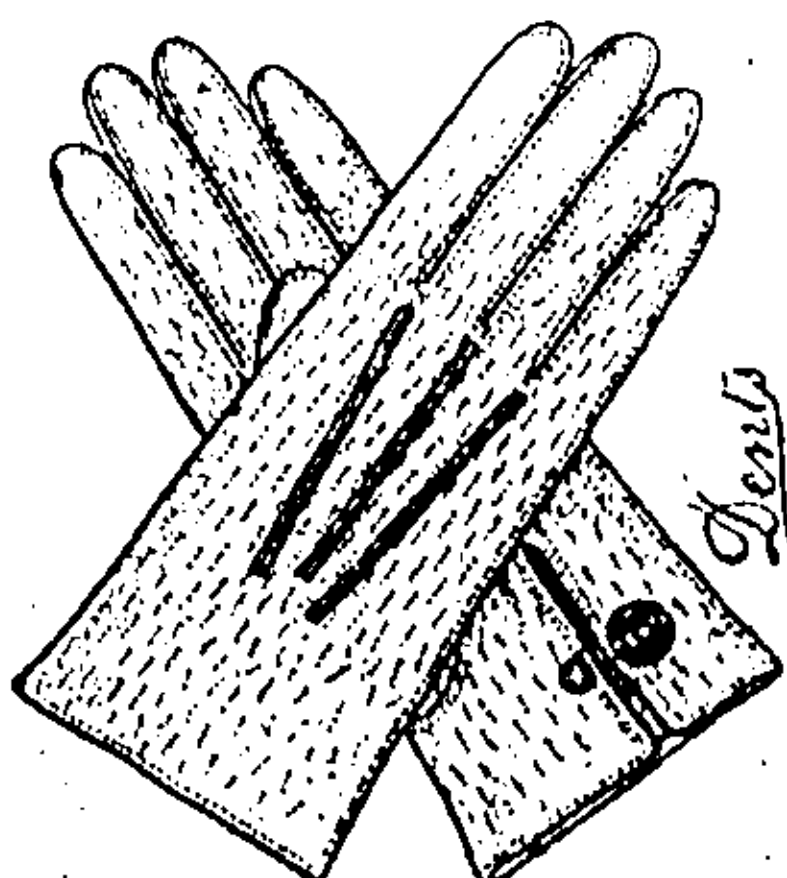
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GERMANY OFFERS PEACE TO GREECE

Terms To End Italo-Greek War

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

GERMANY IS STRENUOUSLY ENDEAVOURING TO TERMINATE THE WAR BETWEEN ITALY AND GREECE AND HAS PRESENTED DEFINITE PROPOSALS TO THE GREEK GOVERNMENT.

This is confirmed in well-informed sources close to the British Government, who reported last night that the German Minister in Athens had offered Greece a four-point plan of peace, to settle the Italo-Greek war.

One of the most interesting of the proposed conditions for immediate peace is the first, which provides that Greece will be allowed to retain her present gains in Albania.

The second condition, however, is that Greece should demobilise her armies and declare herself neutral. There is no suggestion that Italy should demobilise!

Thirdly, Greece must ask Britain to withdraw all her forces, including air, brought up in Greece's support, and to remove herself from her naval and air establishments in the island of Crete.

THE FOURTH PART OF THE GERMAN OFFER IS A GERMAN GUARANTEE TO GREECE AGAINST ANY FURTHER ATTACK AGAINST HER FROM ITALY.

According to British circles, Greece is ignoring the German proposals on the ground that the Nazi guarantees to Rumania, Hungary, Denmark and other countries have proved completely worthless. —International News Service.

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HOLLAND BREAKS WITH RUMANIA

It is learned in London that the Dutch Government is re-calling its Minister in Bucharest. — Reuter.

WILLKIE, KNOX CLASH

More American destroyers could be sent to Britain without weakening the defences of the United States.

This statement was made by Mr. Wendell Willkie last night who said he had been so advised by "high authorities."

Mr. Willkie made this statement to the press, following the remark by Colonel Knox earlier in the day that the United States "can spare no more destroyers."

His full statement reads: "I am surprised by the statement of Colonel Knox."

"Information given me by high authorities in the Government after my testimony on Tuesday confirmed my views that we are in a position, without injury to our Navy or national defence, to give Britain immediate and effective assistance by sending her additional destroyers." — Reuter.

SHRAPNEL SHELLING OF KENT

Long-range guns from across the Channel yesterday shelled the South-East coast area.

A loud explosion resembling the discharge of a heavy-calibre gun was heard followed by two

more such explosions. Subsequently shells burst in the air over the town and large splinters were picked up.

Two houses were damaged but no casualties are reported. — Reuter.

DEATH STALKS SHANSI

Hundreds of thousands of people in Shansi province, most of them civilians, are dying in widespread attacks of relapsing fever and typhus, according to Miss Katherine Hall, well-known Shansi missionary, who has arrived in Chungking en route to New Zealand for Sabbatical leave.

People in Shansi are also facing starvation, says Miss Hall, as much land has been left to lay waste since the epidemic began last Spring.

With young Chinese of the Church of Brethren, Miss Hall has visited more than one thousand villages on foot during the past year, having sometimes only two meals of millet daily.

In the see-saw warfare in Eastern Shansi and Northern Honan, Miss Hall reports that Japanese troops have set fire to all villages over a tremendous area, besides killing thousands, as the Japanese are trying to starve out all troops and civilians there, leaving the people to struggle through the winter without houses or clothing. — Reuter.

TRAIN SERVICE SUSPENDED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The train service between Sofia and Bucharest has been stopped since the wreckage of a Rumanian oil train.

A tense situation exists in both capitals on account of this latest development. —International News Service.

TEXT OF BRITAIN'S NOTE TO RUMANIA

REPLYING TO A QUESTION in the Commons, whether he could make any statement of the reasons for the withdrawal of H.M. Minister and his staff from Bucharest, Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary said:—

"Perhaps I may best answer the question by quoting from the text of the Note addressed, on my instructions, by H.M. Minister at Bucharest to the head of the Rumanian Government.

"It is as follows:—It has become abundantly evident that this country's government, which you have directed for six months has become entirely dependent on Germany. Not only the actual facts, but also the numerous statements published by yourself confirm this.

"Some months ago you informed me that a small number of German troops were arriving in Rumania in order to instruct the Rumanian Army in modern methods of warfare and that the necessary equipment was likewise being despatched from Germany for the rearmament of Rumanian troops.

"Some instruction has, no doubt, been imparted, but the

essential development is that the German High Command is building up, in Rumania, all the elements of an expeditionary force and is concentrating at various strategic points large supplies of munitions and oil fuel.

"Rumanian territory is thus being used by Germany as a military base in furtherance of her plans for prosecuting the war. These measures are being taken without one word of dissent from you.

In these circumstances, H.M. Government in the United Kingdom have decided to recall me and withdraw the diplomatic mission and consular officers under my control." — British Wireless.



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ANGLO-ITALIAN PEACE RUMOURS PERSIST

General Franco And Mussolini Meet In Secrecy

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
DIPLOMATIC EVENTS IN EUROPE ARE MOVING SWIFTLY WITH REPORTS REACHING THE UNITED STATES THAT GENERAL FRANCO HAS ALREADY MET MUSSOLINI.

Close secrecy is being maintained regarding the object of Franco's visit, but rumours are still current that General Franco is being asked to mediate in a British/Italian peace.

Meanwhile, reports from Vichy state that after conferring with Mussolini, General Franco has arrived in the South of France to meet Marshal Petain, and canvas French feeling on the European situation.

Berlin reports that it is expected that a meeting between General Franco and Marshal Petain will contribute much to ward improving French and Spain relations. International News Service.

Petain's Midday Reception

It is reported from Vichy that Marshal Petain arrived at Cognac, Mer, French Riviera, yesterday, in a special train which left Vichy the previous night.

After leaving the station the Marshal went to his estate at Villeneuve-Loubet on the coast road, about nine miles from Nice.

At midday, Marshal Petain left his estate for Cognac station where, in a private coach, he received officials and personal friends. Reuters.

RUMANIANS TO GO HOME

According to an official of the Rumanian Legation in London, the Rumanian Government has instructed its Charge d'Affaires and the Rumanian Legation staff in London to return to Rumania. Reuters.

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MALAYA REINFORCEMENT IN THE AIR

Following the despatch of formations of Blenheim bombers to Northern Malaya some days ago, it is officially announced in Singapore that similar formations of modern bombers of the Australian Air Force have also taken up a station in that area. — Reuters.

CHINA LOOKS TO YUNNAN DEFENCES

According to a Chinese despatch from Kunming, a high-ranking Chinese Commander is visiting various strategic points along the Yunnan border and addressing Chinese officers and troops guarding the Indo-China border.

During the past fortnight, the Chinese Commander has visited front-line positions and been observing enemy posts across the border. — Reuters.

WEYGAND FIRST TO URGE PEACE

The bitter tone of re- crimination against Britain which characterised so many earlier French utterances and writings is absent from a Vichy Government - approved pamphlet telling the inside story of events leading up to the French collapse.

M. Charles Riebel, a member of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Senate, is the author.

M. Riebel reveals that it was Gen. Weygand, successor of Gen. Gamelin as Commander of the French forces, who, as early as June 7, first urged the Government to ask for an armistice. Weygand hoped to save Paris, avoid the evacuation of the Government, and forestall a declaration of war by Italy. On June 12 Weygand again urged an armistice.

Divisions were reduced to two or three battalions and men were dropping from fatigue and lack of sleep. The Cabinet, however, "remained unshakable." The next day, after the Supreme Council had met and learned that Mr. Churchill was unable to promise more than three divisions and 72 guns, M. Reynaud's Cabinet still refused to accede to Gen. Weygand's demand.

Flight To Africa

M. Riebel says that the Cabinet had two plans. It intended either to flee to Brittany and be ready to leave for the United States, if necessary, or go first to Bordeaux and then to Africa.

The pamphlet says that France rejected the British plea not to surrender her fleet because, on that condition, Germany would never have granted an armistice.

Gen. Gamelin's incompetence is branded as chiefly responsible for defeat. President Lebrun is stated to have said to M. Riebel after the Government's flight to Tours: "Would you believe it? Gamelin came to see me only a few days before we left Paris, praised his own strategy, and said that he would have done exactly the same if he were beginning the campaign over again."

Weygand's Plan

An Associated Press message from New York states that, in discussion with a diplomat who had talked to Gen. Weygand, sent to North Africa by the Vichy Government, it was learned that the general had intentionally placed himself in a "trading" position in Algeria.

His object was that, if the German terms, in his opinion, were too dishonourable, he could "win" the military forces in Algeria and possibly Syria, too, in a new direction. This would not, however, be a matter of joining Gen. de Gaulle's forces.

KUNMING AIR RAID ALARM

Air-raid alarm sirens sounded through Kunming yesterday morning when two waves of Japanese heavy bombers attacked objectives on the Burma road.

Another formation of 11 Japanese dive-bombers dropped several bombs near Kunming. The all-clear sound was heard at 2.45 p.m. — Reuters.

UNIFORM ORDERS IN INDIA

It is understood in New Delhi that orders have been passed and are already in operation that uniform be worn by all ranks in the army in India at all times except when on leave from stations or engaged in sports. — Reuters.

WARSAW WOMEN APPEAL TO U.S.

"We Are Living In Hell"

A HEART-RENDING APPEAL by a group of Polish women living in Warsaw to the women of the United States begging them for help in their struggle to throw off the Nazi yoke was published in New York by the Committee of Polish-American Women. The committee vouches for the authenticity of the document, which was smuggled from Poland.

Declaring the Germans are trying to exterminate their race, they declare that 3,000,000 Poles have perished already, and the figure increases daily as famine grows apace. Swearing that their words are true and not exaggerated they say:

"We are living in hell. Our husbands, brothers and fathers have perished in mass murders which have wiped out tens of thousands. They die slowly in dungeons or perish from starvation and cold in war prisoners camps.

"Daughters Abducted"

"Our sons—the future and pride of the nation—have either perished like their fathers—boys of 12 and 14 were by no means lacking among those who were shot—or are registered and taken away to alleged labour camps in Germany, whence there is no return.

"Our daughters—our little girls, dearest joy of our lives—are being apprehended on the streets or abducted from their homes under cover of night, imprisoned in company with prostitutes, and deported to German brothels.

"Dr. Frank, Governor-General of German Poland, informs neutral newspapermen that Poland under the German administration prospers freely, and that the majority of Polish people cheerfully cooperate with the German administration, satisfied at having

been delivered by the German Government from playing the part of England's flunkies.

"Listening to those cynical lies we tremble lest the world might believe them. This hell is all around us. It is smothering us and we are its hopeless victims. We endeavour not to abandon ourselves to despair. We believe in Divine justice. We have faith in the victory of the Allies and we wait for the day of their triumph. Should this day be slow in arriving Poland may be free, but there will be no Poles."

SHANGHAI PISTOL INCIDENT

A Chinese youth fired a pistol at a motor car outside Paramount Hotel in Yu Yuen Road in Shanghai yesterday afternoon but missed it. Police of the Japanese-sponsored Shanghai Municipal Government arrived at the scene and arrested him. The motive of the shooting has not been ascertained. — Central News.

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PLANNING A BETTER BRITAIN

Half E.P.D. To Be Diverted To Special Fund Government Developing Large Scale Programme

(By Reuter's Lobby Correspondent)

SOME GOVERNMENT control of industry in the replanning which must take place at the end of the war is entailed in a proposal now being considered by Government.

The proposal is that half the money collected for excess profits duty shall not be used for meeting war expenditure but shall be placed in a special fund for the purpose of assisting various industries at the end of the war in making the changeover to peace conditions.

The proposal arises from complaints by industrialists that the present excess profits duty of 100 per cent. will not allow them to make provision for this purpose.

The problem of the demobilisation of the millions of men, now serving in the armed forces, has not been overlooked, and an Expert Committee, now sitting, has the task of examining the question in all its aspects and making recommendations for effective demobilisation of the men with the least possible dislocation.

Agricultural

Other matters now being examined to enable this industry to be re-aminated, include agricultural post-war, to play a full share in national reconstruction.

The question of re-housing and national planning after the war is being examined under the direction of Lord Reith, who it is hoped will make a statement at an early date of proposals for building and planning a better Britain.

These and many other matters are being examined by various departments of the State under the direction of Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Minister without Portfolio, who is specially charged with examining these problems.

Common Agreement

The intention behind them is to reach the largest measure of common agreement on urgent matters that have to be dealt with so that they can be put into force without delay at the end of the war, and form a solid foundation upon which, after discussion and by vote of the people, a new Government will be put into force to carry out the programme of reconstruction which the majority of the country desires. — Reuter.

THEY HELP PRISONERS

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

Every day a group of American and British women in Lisbon are working at their self-imposed task of replying to letters from prisoners of war in a snow-bound camp in Germany.

These women began to play fairy godmother to 1,400 prisoners some months ago, when Mrs. Ian Campbell, wife of Captain Ian Campbell, of the 51st Scots Highland Division, whose home is at Inveraray, Scotland, received a letter from her husband in Germany. He enclosed five other letters from men in his regiment, asking her to post them to Bri-

GERMAN'S PROPERTY CAPTOR'S

If you capture a German you are entitled to anything in his possession, according to a decision at Chatham Police Court.

Judgments of the King's Bench Division going back to the time of William III were quoted by Mr. Gerald Thesiger to show this.

Mr. E. F. Barrett, clerk to the Court, commented that under Mr. Thesiger's argument if some Home Guard captured tanks, they would be able to keep them.

Mr. Thesiger: Yes, subject to a military law which might apply to the capture of fortresses.

Mr. Thesiger was defending Harry Foulds, a Home Guard, who was accused of stealing a German pistol, a clip of ammunition and a German flying helmet.

The case was dismissed. A German machine-gunner, who had been over the Chatham area, came down at Wignore, it was stated. He was captured, his pistol and ammunition handed to Foulds, and the German himself gave Foulds the helmet.

"Never Was Crown's"

When the police made inquiries about the property, Foulds readily gave it up and gave them every assistance.

Mr. Thesiger quoted judgments of William III and of 1748 on the question of "prize." Mr. Justice Wright held in 1748, he said, that the subject was entitled to whatever he could take from the King's enemies.

Mr. Justice Blackstone, in his volume of comments published in 1794, said Mr. Thesiger, held that any person might seize to his own use property of the enemy, such person not being entitled to the benefit and protection of the law.

Mr. Thesiger submitted that the property was never in fact in the possession of the Crown and therefore could not be stolen from the Crown.

SNOW IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Snow fell in Shanghai yesterday. In some places it was 12 inches deep.—Our Own Correspondent.

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Mrs. Campbell quickly gathered volunteers among the American and British women in Lisbon, and set about sending parcels to the boys.

"We are all fit and in high spirits. Your parcels have made us behave like children at a party at meal times." That is an example of the letters which are being received.

CAN SPARE NO MORE DESTROYERS

Colonel Frank Knox, the United States Secretary of the Navy, told a press conference yesterday, that the United States Navy, "can spare no more destroyers." — Reuter.

NEW RAGE IS BLITZ SCHOOL

Within a fortnight of the London County Council's completion of the survey of Metropolitan shelters, at least 40 "blitz classes" are already being held underground while raiders drobe overhead.

Five of the larger men's institutes — Fulham, Stepney, Buckingham Gate, Grove Vale and Dempsey Street, Commercial Road — have made plans to hold their sessions in large shelters in their own areas.

In the East End, shelter classes which started during the week will be carried on nearly every evening.

Stay All Night

Would-be students from the suburbs are arranging to travel several times a week into central London, to remain in the shelter overnight and to go direct from there to work in the morning.

Westminster, with its shelter population of 169,000, is already well ahead with plans for extending the shelter night classes. Fifteen are already in session.

The scheme is to be extended as soon as the authorities can introduce such advantages as improved lighting, additional chairs, tables, desks and other "school" equipment.

More Than In Peace

Supervising the Westminster classes is Mr. A. Willis, Principal of the Buckingham Gate L.C.C. Institute.

He told a reporter: "Classes are proving exceptionally popular. Many of our lecturers are taking much larger classes than they ever did in peace time. Sometimes they number as many as 200 'scholars.'"

MR. HOPKINS' RETURN DELAYED

A message from New York states that Mr. Harry Hopkins, President Roosevelt's special envoy to England, has been held up on his journey home at Bolama, in Portuguese Guinea, owing to a slight mechanical difficulty in the Clipper on which he was travelling.

He is now expected to reach New York on Saturday morning. — Reuter.

PUNJAB REWARD FOR WAR 'DOERS'

The Punjab Government has reserved 15,000 acres in the Nihari Colony (the Haveli Project) to reward pro-war services. It was officially announced in Lahore yesterday, adding that preference in the award of Jagirs would be given to those whose services were outstanding in assisting the war effort. — Reuter.

NAZIS TAKE A NEW LINE

The German claim that international law does not oblige Germany to supply food to people outside Reich territory exposes the emptiness of the Nazis' earlier boasts that they would guarantee the feeding of everyone on the Continent, states the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

The Ministry denies German disclaimers pointing out that the regulations of the Hague Convention of 1907 provide that "after legal authority has actually passed into the hands of those occupying the country, the latter are under obligation to take all measures possible to maintain public order and safety."

An official of the Ministry yesterday gave further evidence of non-responsibility of the blockade for the food shortage in many parts of German controlled Europe which, he said, was actually due to German depredations.—Reuter.

WANTED: 500,000 DIGGERS

Another half-million allotments are wanted so that the second phase of the "Dig for Victory" campaign may be considered successful.

The total number of allotments under cultivation is still not as great as the peak period of 1920, when nearly one and a half million allotments were being tended in Great Britain.

At the outbreak of war, there were about 900,000 of these allotments in existence, and a year's campaigning only produced 300,000 more national diggers.

An official of the National Society of Allotmenters told a reporter: "We are anxious to get all the new allotmenters enrolled now, because this is the right time to get the ground ready for the spring crop."

"People are advised to grow as much as they can to support their own households. If they have space for extras, this should be turned over for root crops, such as carrots and onions and not perishables like lettuce. These are always marketable."

In the bombed areas numbers of allotments have been damaged.

A South Wales and a Midlands district often visited by Nazi raiders have renamed their variety of potatoes "Hitler's earlies," as they are always blown out before they are ready for digging.

AFGHAN MISSION TO JAPAN

The Afghanistan Commercial Mission, headed by the Afghan Minister for National Economy, Ghulam Ghous Khan, arrived in Peshawar yesterday.

The Mission has been invited by the Japanese Foreign Trade Promoting Association through the Japanese Government.

The visit is expected to last between six and seven weeks and will mainly be concerned with a study of Japan's industrial and commercial development and to explore the Japanese market for Afghan products.—Reuter.

INDIAN TROOPS ENTERTAIN LONDON

Forty Indians of the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps gave Londoners a free entertainment at lunch-time recently. Crowds stopped in the street to watch.

A reporter saw them at it, outside the bombed store where they had been busy clearing up the wreckage.

There they squatted, tailorwise, on the grey London pavement. One of them wore a lawny-coloured turban. Most of the rest had tin hats on their sleek, black heads.

Private Dewan Ali held a scarlet drum—which the Indians call a dhol—between his crossed knees. Bending and swaying, he thrummed the skin covering with his fingers. Another man played small brass cymbals, and a third had a mouth-organ.

To the thin, weird music they made, two or three of the company sprang up in turns and danced.

They were utterly unselfconscious as they writhed and twisted in the curious love-dances of their race.

The Corporal

Best of all the performers was Corporal Mohamed Alam, a lean, serious-looking man with magnificent handlebar moustaches. As he danced in his battle-dress and clumsy army boots, the others, seated on the ground swayed and crooned in rhythm.

The Corporal leaped more and more wildly. Every muscle of his lean body was brought into play. He danced even with his fingertips. Only his face remained still and impassive.

The audience gaped at the spectacle of these dark-skinned soldiers who brought the East incongruously into a bombed London street.

A tin-hatted policeman, smiling tolerantly, kept passers-by on the move.

Private J. Salahudin, a handsome young Indian who was studying for an arts degree when the war came, told me about his fellow Pioneers as we watched the dancing.

Three Are B.A.s

"Three of us," he said, "are Bachelors of Arts. We come from the Punjab and Bengal, and joined up as volunteers in this country. Some were sailors—Dewan Ali, for instance, who can do the rope-trick besides playing the dhol. John Peter, our youngest recruit, who is only 20, was a sailor, too."

"Most of us served in France earlier in the war." Also watching the show was Sergeant Hopkins, an Englishman in charge of the squad. A mining engineer, he directs the demolition operations.

"These men are grand," he said. "They are afraid of nothing and they are splendid workers. They have rescued hundreds of people from bombed houses. And every day after they have had their lunch they dance as you see them doing now."

ACTION COMING IN DODECANESE?: AIR ATTACKS CONTINUE

THE ADDIS ABABA aerodrome was among targets bombed by the Royal Air Force on Tuesday, states a R.A.F. Middle East Communique issued in Cairo yesterday, which says: "Aerodromes on the island of Rhodes were again heavily attacked by our bombers during Monday night.

Attacks were delivered from a low altitude. At Maritza, bombs fell among hangars and administrative buildings. At Calato bombs set fire to three aircraft on the landing ground. Other fires were started and two of our aircraft machine-gunned the target.

"At Katavia, bombs were dropped on runways and amongst aircraft and buildings, causing violent explosions and several fires. This target was also machine-gunned. Enemy batteries and searchlights were active over the targets.

"In Albania, military and other stores were attacked and many direct hits were observed. The military aerodrome at Addis Ababa was among the targets bombed by our aircraft in Abyssinia on Tuesday. A number of bombs were dropped on the aerodrome and direct hits set fire to buildings and hangars.

The Keren-Ashara area was also subjected to a number of raids. Motor transport convoys on the road between the two towns were heavily bombed and also machine-gunned. A stores dump, north-east of Keren, was also attacked.

Italians Shot Down

"Fighters of the South African Unit, which encountered five CR-42's (Italian fighters) off Asmara on Monday, shot down two in flames.

"One of the most intense bombing raids yet carried out by the South African Air Force took place on Monday when a number of bombers dived on military objectives at Afmahu (Italian Somaliland). Several direct hits were observed.

"Eighty-six unserviceable enemy aircraft have been found by our forces on the landing ground at Benina, near Benghazi. These included one HE-101 and one JU-88 (German machines).

"From all the operations under review, our aircraft returned safely with one exception."—Reute

GUAM ISLAND DEFENCES

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS ASKED CONGRESS FOR U.S. \$898,393,000 IN CASH AND CONTRACT AUTHORISATIONS TO EXPEDITE THE SHIP-BUILDING PROGRAMME AND CARRY OUT VAST EXPANSION OF THE UNITED STATES FLEET'S SHORE FACILITIES.

The sum includes U.S.\$4,700,000 to establish fleet operations facilities and bomb-proof shelters on Guam Island in Northern Pacific and U.S.\$5,075,000 for similar purposes in Cuba.—Reuter.

A.A. GUNNERS INCREASE "BAG"

An enemy bomber was destroyed in Eastern Scotland yesterday morning according to an Air Ministry communique which adds that it is now known that two enemy bombers were destroyed on Saturday night and one on Monday night by A.A. fire. Reuter.

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POET ATTACKS GIRL-GAOLED

When Peter Gordon Brown was accused at Nottingham Assizes of criminally assaulting Dorothy Cox, aged eighteen, he told the jury:

"I told Dorothy she was not exactly beautiful, but that her beauty lay in her smile."

The Judge, interposing, said: "Don't go on like that, we understand you paid her compliments." Brown said, "How can I describe her lips without sampling their lovely fruit?" He swore that whatever happened was with the girl's consent.

Brown, a man aged thirty-nine, met the girl at a dance and induced her to go for a walk on the following evening.

After they sat down on the grass he produced a bottle of wine, and having persuaded the girl to drink, he started to recite poetry of his own composition.

The girl refused to allow Brown to kiss her, whereupon he put his hand over her mouth and said, "If you scream I will kill you." There was a violent struggle, at the end of which he committed the offence.

In a letter he wrote to Miss Cox he said:

"I lowered myself in your esteem, and when I recalled that diabolical night I attempted to write to you. I felt like a sinner entering the shrine of Allah. I look upon you as a timid, frightened bird. That is my poetic point of view."

Brown was sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

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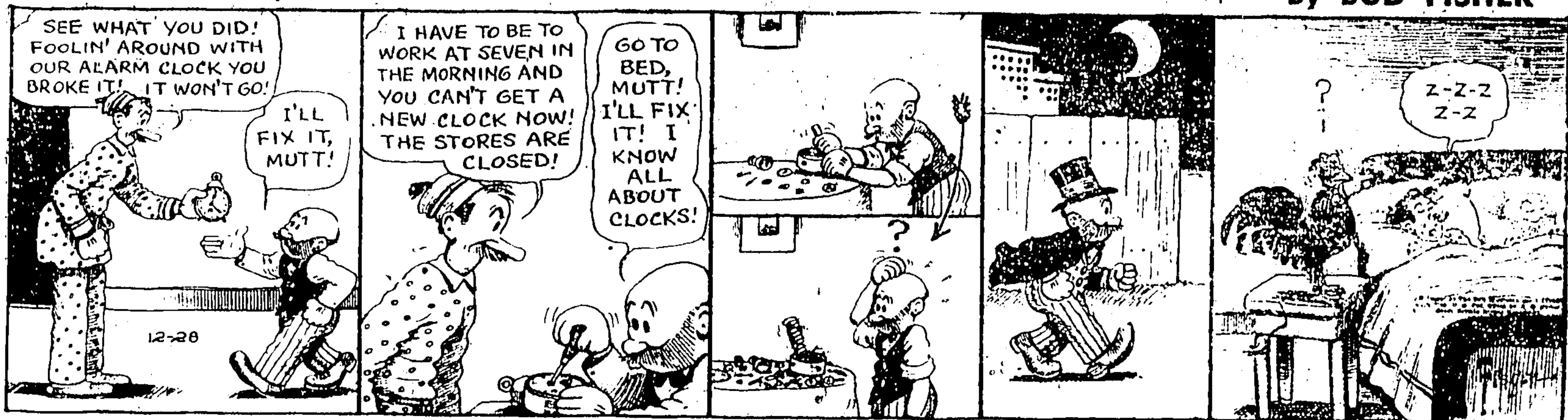
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They will be the first mobile canteens set up by any rural authority and will relieve any overburdening of cooking arrangements in country cottages. The vans will also carry supplies of fresh vegetables for sale at cost price to the evacuees.

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12 NUNS PRAYED ---ESCAPED

WHILE MORE BOMBS whistled down and German planes droned overhead, a dozen nuns, clasping the hand and gown of their Mother Superior, knelt on the wreckage-strewn lawn of their bombed convent and prayed for the people trapped in the shelter beneath. All they could do was to pray. By a miracle they themselves had escaped death.

While they were reciting evening prayers in the little chapel of their convent in London one night the building received two direct hits from a stick of five high explosives.

A section of the building collapsed on the shelter. The heavy oak door of the chapel flew over the bowed heads of the nuns on to the altar steps.

Glass from the windows and masonry from the roof showered around them, but not one of them was touched.

By dawn 100 people had been removed from the rubble by soldiers and rescue squads.

Ten of them—including a baby boy, who still had a "dummy" in his mouth, and a soldier's wife and her two children—were dead.

"Our first thoughts were for the poor people who were in the shelter under our community room from which we had just come to our prayers," one of the sisters told a reporter.

Nursing Sisters But—

"We tried to get through to them, but the wreckage had piled up and cut us off.

"As we were trying we heard the air raid wardens arrive, so helpless, we fled into the garden and prayed.

"It nearly broke my heart to hear the cries of the wounded and not be able to get to them. We are nursing sisters—yet we could do nothing to help."

A warden said: "The nuns had done everything in their power to make the people who shelter in the convent basement as happy and comfortable as possible.

"They had even made cradles for the babies."

Errand Saved Her

In the anxious crowd which waited all day behind barriers for news of the rescue work was a girl, Rene Turner who owed her safety to an errand.

With her mother and father, Rene was in the shelter during the early part of the raid. Her father asked her to buy fish and chips.

While she was away the convent was bombed. Rene's father was freed from the wreckage suffering from broken legs. Last night her mother had not been found.

"I am a lucky girl," was all Rene could say.

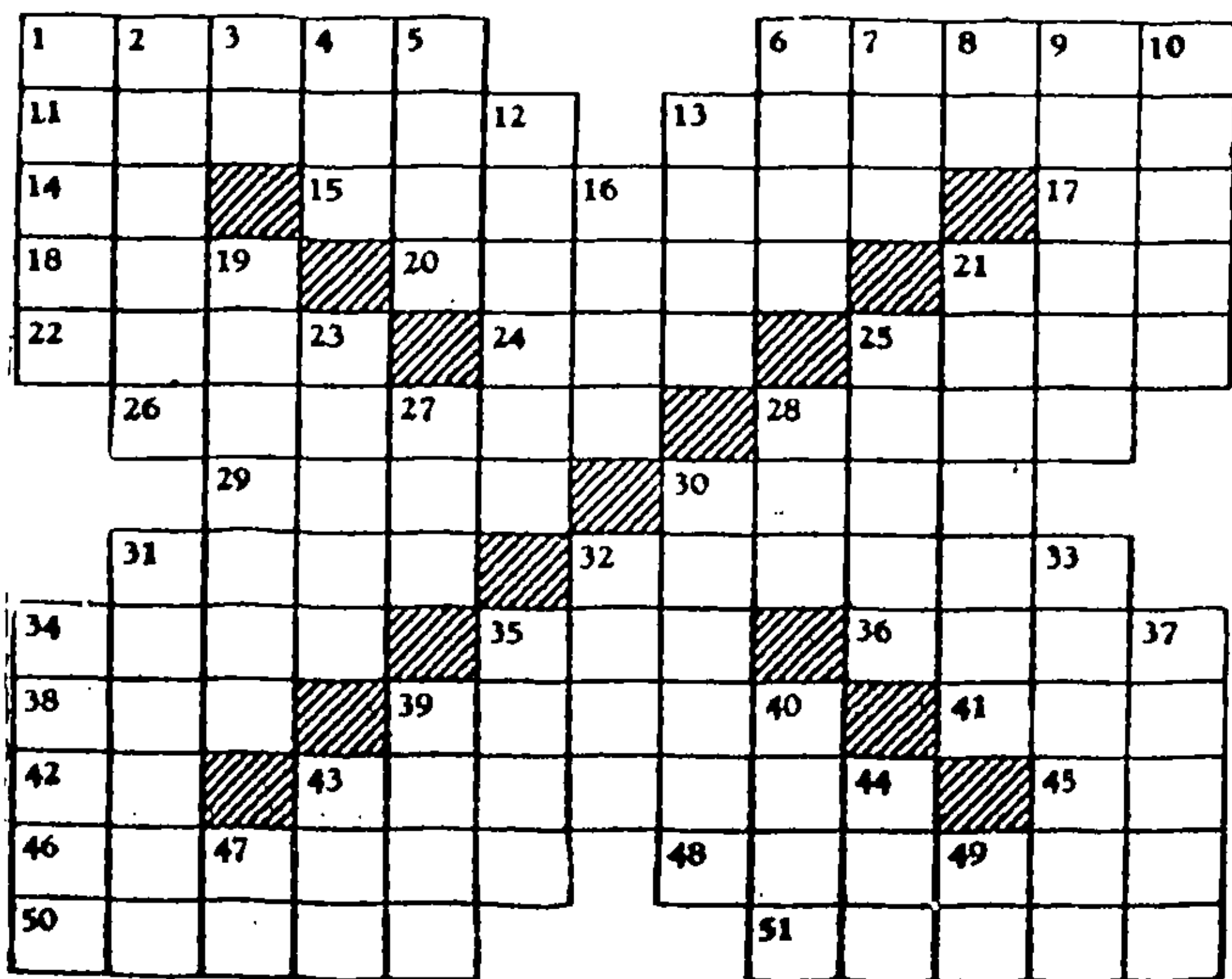
A young second-lieutenant was one of the heroes of the rescue work. With tons of loosened masonry threatening to collapse on top of him, he wormed his way through narrow trenches to reach the injured.

"I was able to do it because I'm so slim," he said.

The bulk of the damage in the night's raid in the Birmingham area was to dwelling and shop property, but schools, several churches, a bank, a cinema and a police station were concerned in "incidents."

Considering the scale of the attack, casualties were surprisingly low, but some were fatal.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



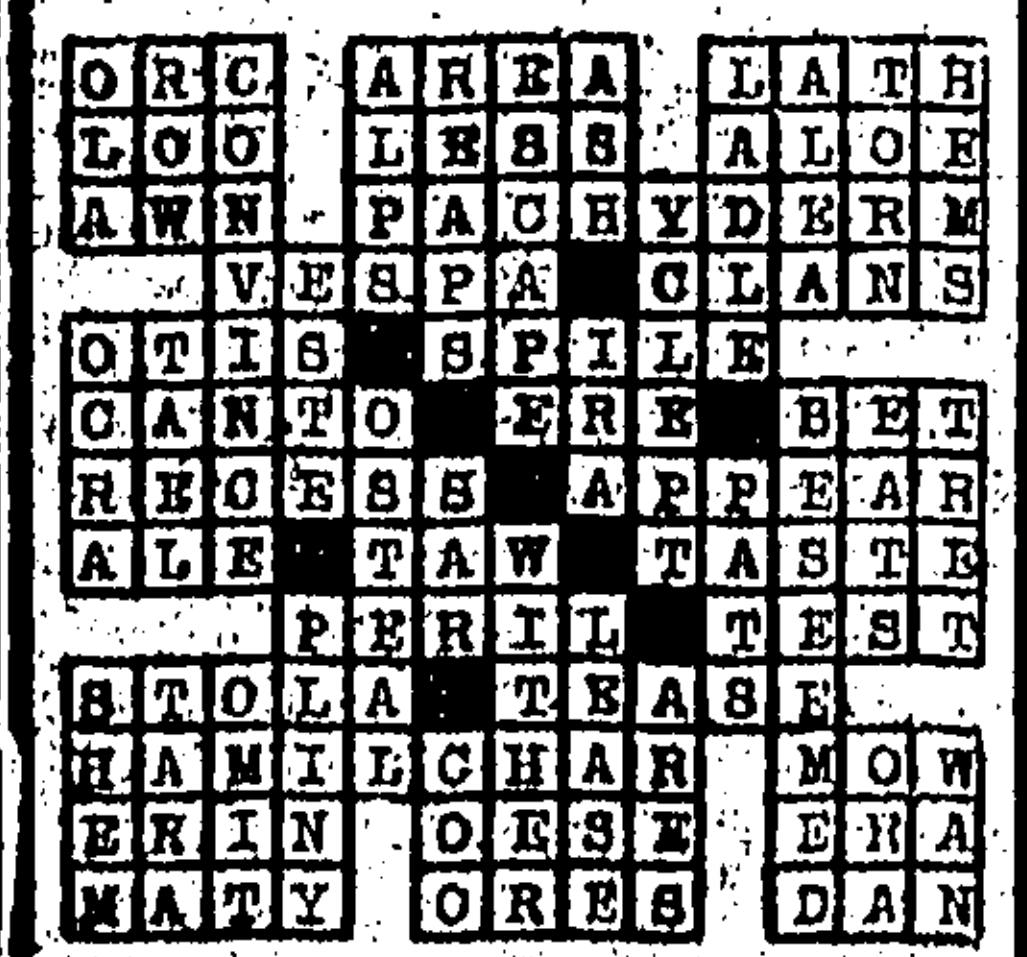
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- 1 Unaccompanied
- 6 Transparent, brittle substance
- 11 To starve
- 13 Supple
- 14 Bone
- 15 Oppressive
- 17 Hawaiian bird
- 18 Peruvian tuber
- 20 Eaten away
- 21 Back
- 22 African chief's residence
- 24 Simian
- 25 To follow
- 26 To calumniate
- 29 Amphibian
- 29 Mineral
- 30 Carbon
- 31 Part of a clarinet
- 32 To pacify
- 34 Length measures
- 35 Apron-top
- 36 Bristle
- 38 To be mistaken

VERTICAL

- 1 Walking
- 2 East-Indian sailor
- 3 Sacred Hindu word
- 4 Island of the Cyclades
- 5 Hireling
- 6 Sticky substance
- 7 The lily
- 8 Molten lava
- 9 Breathed raucously
- 10 Decoy
- 12 To proclaim
- 13 Affectation
- 16 Cord
- 19 Workshop
- 21 Plume
- 23 To prevent
- 25 Shouts derisively
- 27 Man's name
- 28 Overly
- 30 Becomes serious
- 31 To scold
- 32 Faction
- 33 Warehouses
- 34 Wild
- 35 To yield
- 37 To diminish
- 40 To state
- 42 Males
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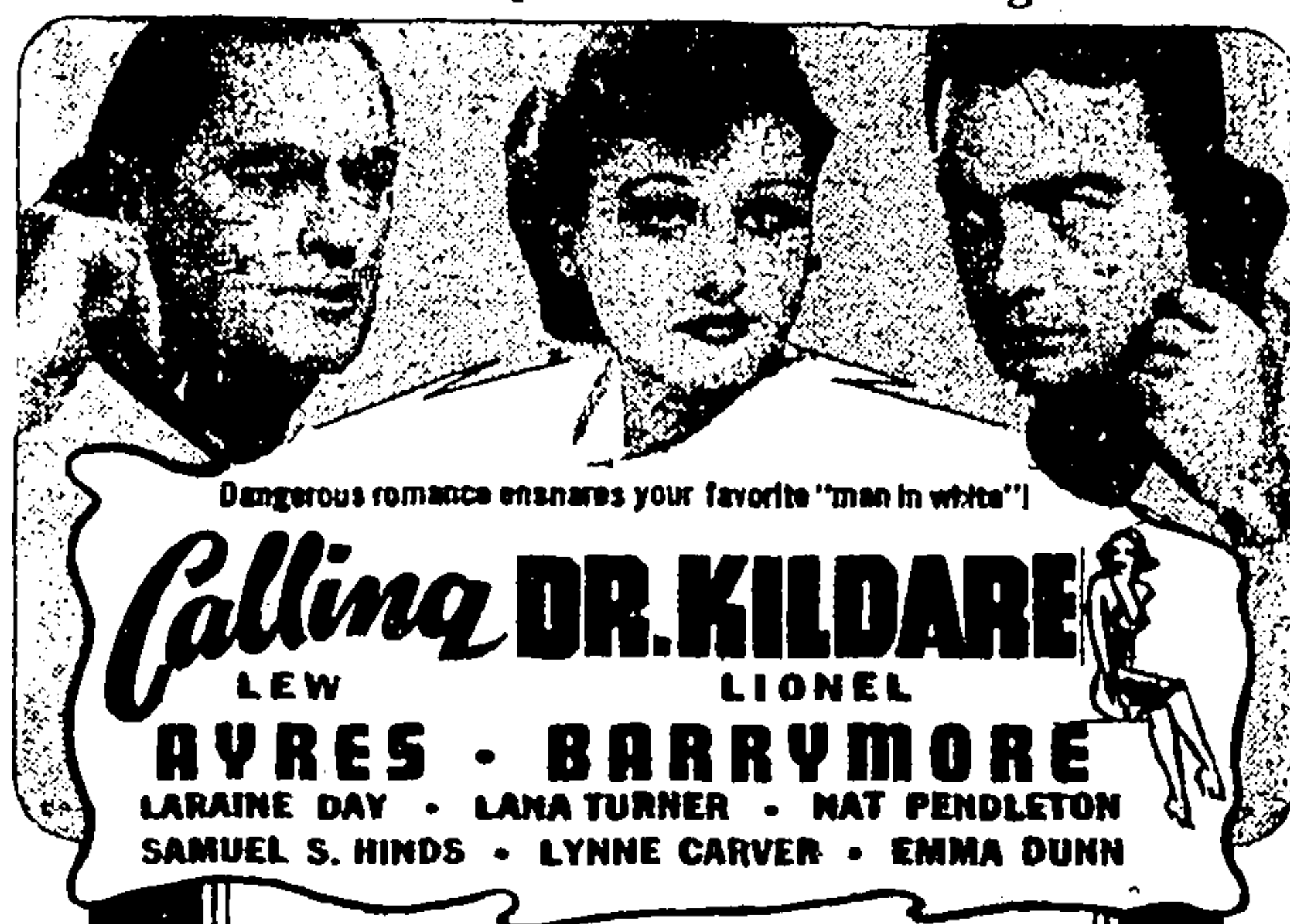
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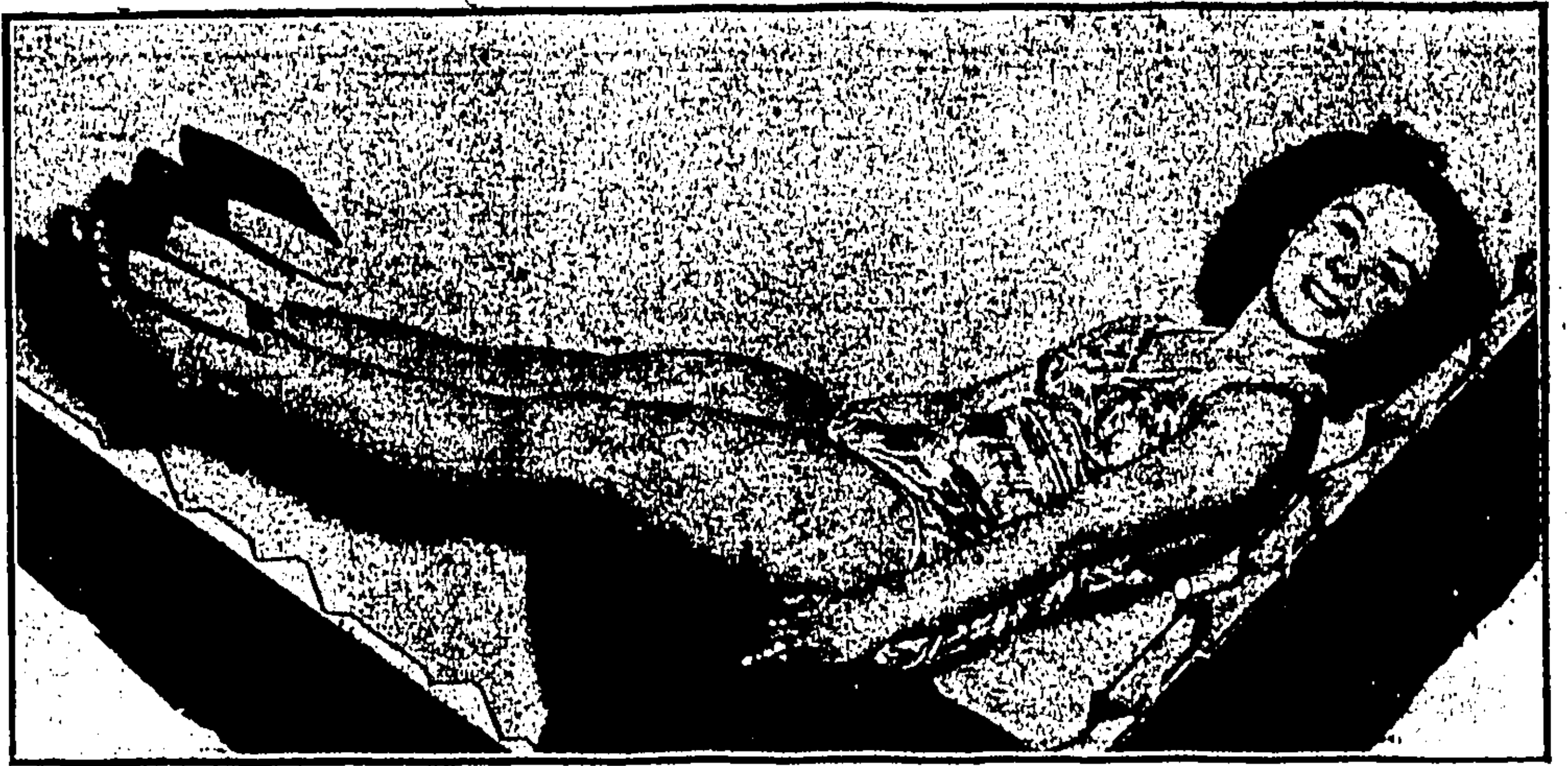
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THE MOST PERFECTLY BUILT GIRL. Monica Waldeck has just won her fourth competition for the most perfectly built girl. Her latest success has brought her a silver cup in the competition which was open to the whole of the British Isles for girls between the ages of 12 and 15. Photo shows a study of Monica undergoing exercises for a perfect figure. (Copyright, Fox.)

AID TO BRITAIN BILL MAKES PROGRESS IN SENATE

AN ATTEMPT to check the aid to Britain plan was frustrated yesterday when the Senate Foreign Relations Committee rejected by thirteen votes to ten an amendment to the Lease and Lend Bill requiring President Roosevelt to obtain certification of Army and Navy chiefs before he could turn over existing equipment to any other country.

The House of Representatives had previously written a provision into the Bill requiring "consultation" with Army and Navy chiefs before the President took action.

The Committee is later reported to have approved in principle four amendments made to the Bill by the House of Representatives one of which limits the period of the Bill to June, 1943, the second empowering Congress to suspend it before then by the passage of current resolution requiring merely a vote in the House and in the Senate and not subject to Presidential veto; and the third provid-

ing that nothing in the Act could be construed to authorise naval escort for convoys, while the last requires "consultation" between the President and Army and Navy chiefs before the transfer of existing military equipment could be ordered by the President of the United States.—Reuter.

Pushing It Through

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Administration leaders in Washington yesterday are reported to be renewing efforts in order to get quick passage of the Lease and Lend Bill.—International News Service.

BRITAIN TO GET U.S. PATROL 'PLANES

Ronald Cross, Minister of Shipping, discloses that Britain will get patrol 'planes from the United States for convoying the British merchant fleet.

Addressing the Empire Society, Mr. Cross mentioned the "very valuable acquisition" of fifty American destroyers and added "the long-distance aircraft that we are to receive from the United States will also play an important part in protecting our ships." —Associated Press.

NEW LIFE MOVEMENT ANNIVERSARY

Preparations are being made in Chungking for one week's celebration of the 7th anniversary of the founding of the New Life Movement which falls on February 19.

All executive members of the movement will be entertained at a dinner party on the eve of the anniversary, when Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, founder of the movement, will broadcast a speech to the nation.

On the morning of the anniversary, a celebration meeting will be held.

During the celebration, period contests in stenography, accounting, cooking, sewing, cartoon drawing, sculpture, first aid, and other fields of work will be held, lectures on the New Life Movement will be given by such prominent people as Mr. Wu Chih-hui, and Mr. Chung Chi, members of the Kuomintang Central Supervisory Committee, and Dr. Paul Yu Pin, Vicar Apostolic for Nanking, and an agricultural show will be held.—Central News.

INFLATION TALK EXAGGERATED, INSISTS SIMON

GOVERNMENT ADHERES to the policy of avoiding inflation "by every conceivable means in our power," said the Lord Chancellor, Lord Simon, in the House of Lords yesterday.

He suggested that concern on this point was brought about by exaggerated or ill-founded arguments.

Rising Prices

Lord Simon, replying for Government, said that the word "inflation" was used as though it was associated with the rapidly rising prices.

Prices, he said, may rise in circumstances which do not involve this inflationary influence at all.

Referring to the gap between expenditure and revenue, Lord Simon said it was important to remember the overseas aspect in this matter. — Reuter.

Lord Balfour of Burleigh, said he was afraid the vicious spiral of inflation was already in operation and that the figure of interest in this matter was the gap between expenditure and revenue which he computed at about £600,000,000.

He strongly supported the Keynes Plan of some kind of deferred pay, particularly in the case of wage earners who were getting substantially larger earnings than before the war.

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WAVELL'S TRIUMPH

Benghazi is a name that British schoolchildren of a brighter to-morrow may have to add to the long list of homely and exotic symbols that already make up British history. Even in Italian history-books the Benghazi chapter may not make altogether sad reading. For it may mark for Italy that point at which events began to break the hold of a war-minded dictator over a people famous for their mastery of the arts of peace.

This may sound like an engaging paradox. Actually it is suggested in reports from Rome where newspapers are talking about treachery in connection with the Italian retreat before British arms in Africa. A dictatorship rests on an illusion of unity among its people and its power to impose this unity when necessary. To admit dissent or inability to suppress it before it threatens the military position of the State is to invite an increase in open opposition to the Government.

Benghazi is important especially for its probable effect on the Italian people and soldiers. It follows soon after resignations of important military and naval leaders, consequent upon the rout of Italian armies in Greece and Albania.

Likewise the news of British advances in Africa will strengthen the British home front. It is something to know that while you and some "47,000,000 Churchills"—the phrase is Italian—are holding an island against attack by a militarised nation of 90,000,000, your forces yet can strike out at that nation's ally in far parts of the world and everywhere put him on the run.

Strategically, by British estimates of it, the war in Africa is not of transcendent importance. And the Italians had more to gain by routing British forces than have the British by routing Italian.

Benghazi to-day stands as a job brilliantly carried through to completion.

And the event is more than superficial. It shows that while the fundamen-

President Roosevelt's proposals for help to Britain, while unprecedented in themselves, are recognised by those who are willing to look ahead as merely introductory to new political issues so vast and ill-defined that few political leaders have ventured to breach the subject.

A handful of political writers are busy speculating on the new problems that must confront Britain and its sister democracy across the Atlantic between now and the close of the struggle against Nazism. Among them is a Geneva group sponsored by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace which, as a preliminary move, has made a searching study of the origins of the present world disorders and publishes the results in a bulletin: "Causes of the Peace Failure 1918-1939."

The Geneva experts are convinced that a state of permanent security will not be possible in the world without general recognition that the social and political order is in a condition of disintegration and that rehabilitation must be not a patchwork but a thorough over-hauling.

Backward Forces Continued

The disintegration, they say, was the cause of, not the result of, the wars that began in 1914 and are still continuing. The same elements that generated the explosion of 1914—"nationalism, machine technique and an economic system of unbridled acquisitiveness"—are even more active to-day. The same outdated political system that in 1914 was legislating for a hand-loom and hansom cab age when the world was racing along in cars and planes is still more or less operating to-day. The same inability to allow for the tremendous power of expansion let loose by the machine age operates to-day as in 1914.

Too Universal

The labouring classes feel just as much exploited and discontented. Unemployment is worse.

Politically the great powers and the respective interests ranged the

tal position of Britain at home has been kept virtually intact during months of air and U-boat attack, that position has immensely improved in the Mediterranean. Such a revelation should not be missed by those in control of France's empire, nor, indeed, anywhere in Europe where peoples and leaders are facing the grim choice of surrender or opposition to Nazism.

The Peace After The Present War

world for fields to exploit, practically uncontrolled, until available fresh territory no longer existed. Then the explosion came.

Assuming the Geneva verdict to be approximately accurate, the situation is far too universal for any one power to expect that by isolating itself from the conflict it will be able to return to normalcy and business-as-usual as soon as the dust of combat has blown away. The reconstruction work, when it is taken in hand, whether in its social, political or economic aspects, must presumably be worldwide.

The question must soon arise, then: Who is to build, and what material will there be to build with?

At the moment there are only two great powers still standing for the ideals of freedom, justice, international law, sanctity of contracts and a religious basis of national life. There is Great Britain, whose stout resistance to the Nazi onslaughts has proved that a free nation can rise above all the indolence, selfishness and want of conviction that have crippled the initiative of the democracies since Versailles. And there is the United States, which has enjoyed geographical immunity from much of the struggle so far, but which shows no sign of any willingness to give up its way of life at the behest of a foreign dictator.

From these two peoples, therefore, must presumably come the effort to rebuild. As to where to lay the foundations and what to build on them, the outlook is at present bleak.

British Busy

Last July, the late Viscount Halifax, following a similar statement by General Smuts of South Africa, began to enunciate a tentative proposal for a federal union and about the same time Federal Union groups launched a campaign for such a union between the United States and the British Empire.

Since then, however, the British people, driven underground by the savage and indiscriminate bombing by Germans of villages and towns, have been too much concerned in saving themselves from extinction to consider the reconstruction of Europe. Their thoughts have turned to their own national problems, solution of which is perhaps in any case a necessary preliminary to settlement in the world at large.

If, as the Geneva experts suggest, disintegration in Europe has been partly due to the failure of modern political machinery to prevent glaring contradictions in modern society from employers' demands for expansion and workers' discontent over exploitation and unemployment, British labour at least appears by no means inclined to let reform go by default.

In a speech on December 11, Britain's Home Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, a Labour leader entrusted by Mr. Churchill with one of the key posts in the Cabinet, proposed a cooperative international system, guaranteed by an international police air force, and warned that civilised society would be doomed and the world

would stagger into new wars unless the country were put on a new basis. "There must be no monopolies, except those serving the state," he added. "Society must be rid of the twin pests of extreme riches and extreme poverty."

Profit Motive Inadequate

Shortly before, another Labour leader, Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, generally considered to be slated for the Premiership, was quoted as saying in an interview: "England will never again tolerate large numbers of unemployed... the profit motive cannot try to solve the large problem of reconstruction in this country."

These are Leftist views, but they are not merely Leftist idealism. They are voiced by Labour leaders who were called to bear a supremely responsible share in the Government at the greatest crisis in the history of the Empire. Moreover, the ferocious Nazi bombardment has brought to the English people such a sense of unity that neither Rightist nor Leftist is likely to approach the major economic problems in a spirit of selfishness.

While these domestic problems of Britain do not directly affect the economy of the United States and while America's economic problems—which, however, are not essentially different in such matters as wages, conditions of work and unemployment as those of Britain—have not contributed proportionately to Europe's disintegration, nevertheless unity of ideal is bound to play its part in the coming work of reconstruction. Britain's problems must be of serious concern to Americans.

Integration Stressed

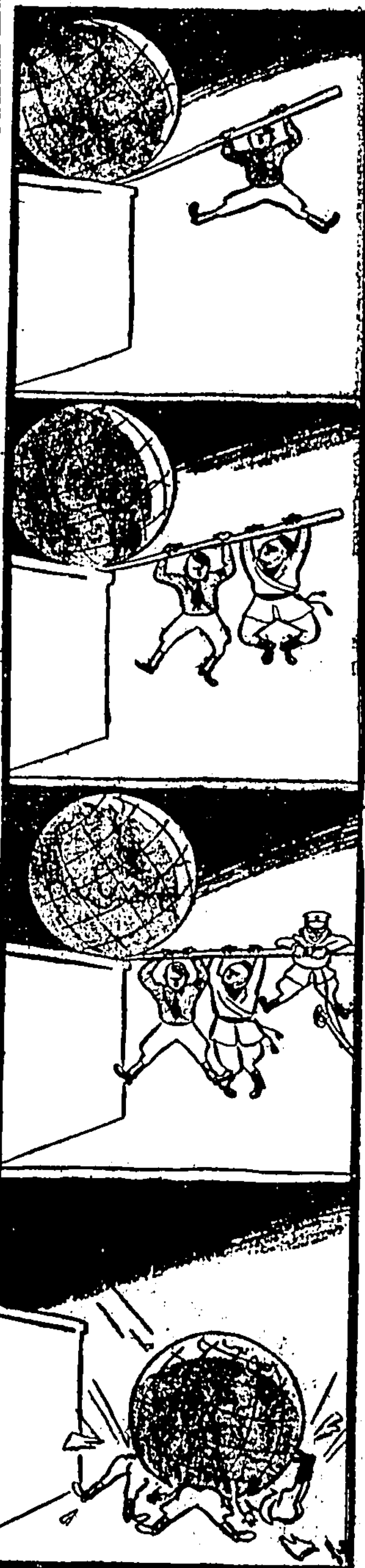
British writers at all events are constantly emphasising the need for close integration with the United States. "If," says the London Economist, "the general principle of a community of interest is accepted, we shall have to learn that we must consult the American Government at every stage of our diplomacy. If, in the course of Atlantic collaboration, Britain's freedom to act will have to be curtailed, then the American contribution that can properly be asked for is a similar limitation of her freedom to be inactive... If any permanently closer association of the two nations is achieved, an island people of less than 50,000,000 cannot expect to be senior partner... the centre of gravity and the ultimate decision must increasingly lie in America."

While in all this discussion considerable stress is necessarily laid upon economic difficulties—partly because they are more immediate, while the political arena to-day is in a state of unexampled confusion—nevertheless the Geneva experts insist that the economic aspect must ultimately be subordinate to the political—and the political must be subordinate to the religious.

Religious Unsettlement

Beyond all the economic and political causes of the present disintegration they find religious un-

settlement at the bottom of the trouble. An absence of sound religious conviction in the democracies, they point out, has brought discontent to the masses, who, with their increased educational facilities find no sufficiently religious guidance to fill their vision.



The Fate of the Axis, as seen by a New York P.M. cartoonist.

That is why a mere programme of economic or even political adjustment will not be sufficient. Integration of society, they add, "will not come about as a result of conscious and deliberate effort." It must come from deeper down in the consciousness of the peoples.

"The deepest sickness of the modern world," they conclude, "lies in its lack of any genuine conviction of truth. There results an oscillation between the cynical denial of all abiding truth and the prostitution of truth for the sake of achieving social and political purposes. It is here that the spiritual weakness of the last 20 years becomes most manifest. No enduring structure can be built upon such foundations. The real issue to be faced, therefore, is not 'What is the most efficient formula to arrive at a new integration of society?' but rather 'What is the truth to be served by men?'"

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FRANCE UNDER THE HEEL

Wearing of the French national colours and display of the French national emblem in occupied France has been forbidden by the Germans.

The ban appears to foreshadow no good for the people of the areas now under German control, since it is the first step to suppress French national sentiment in the northern parts of the country. It is no secret that the Germans, in their plan for a greater Europe, have for a long time had their eye on France's northern provinces, and in any peace dictated by Hitler, it is extremely improbable that the northern and north-western coasts of France will ever be returned to that country. The movement for Breton independence, fostered by the Germans for their own ends, is proof enough of that.

A recent proclamation made by the Mayor of Brest gives some idea of the oppression under which the people of occupied France are labouring.

It also shows, by expressly forbidding the throwing of stones at German soldiers that the spirit of the French people is still very much alive under the Nazi heel. The proclamation says:—

Regulations For The Population

In accordance with instructions from the Kreiskommandantur (German District Command), the Mayor of Brest requests the population to comply with the following regulations:—

1. National Emblem.—By order of the head of the military administration in France, the French population is forbidden to wear the tricolour emblem in public, in whatever form. No object displayed to the public must be decorated with the French national colours.

2. Insult to Italians.—The inhabitants are strictly forbidden to insult the Italian Vice-Consul at Brest, M. Vittorio Job. If the Vice-Consul is insulted afresh the city of Brest will be inflicted each time with a fine of 50,000 francs.

3. Throwing of Stones or Sundry Debris at German Soldiers.—Acts of this sort will be repressed with extreme severity. If the culprits are not discovered the city risks being subject to a considerable fine.

The Mayor counts on the spirit of understanding of the population for the avoidance of incidents the consequences of which may be serious for the whole community.

HITLER SEEMS to have relinquished the role of Reich Art Patron-in-Chief and to have gone into art dealing — or the double dealing — business.

He is arranging to sell, in the United States, fourteen old Masters — some of the gems among the smaller paintings from museums in Berlin.

It appears, states the Ministry of Economic Warfare, that these pictures are already on the way via Siberia and the Pacific Ocean.

They consist of three Rembrandts, three Van Eycks and works by Botticelli, Fouquet, Vermeer of Delft, Velasquez, Raphael, Giorgione, Lippi and Domenico Veneziano.

Very few pictures by Fouquet and Giorgione are in existence, while the sale of three Van Eycks will leave only one important picture by either of the Van Eycks in Berlin.

It may be that Hitler intends to replenish the collections of the schools concerned from the galleries of Holland, Belgium and France.

The picture by Lippi is of "The Nativity," which is accepted as having been painted as an altar piece in the Medici Chapel in Florence. The Italians are left with a copy.

Sorely In Need

The transaction has doubtless been occasioned by Hitler's quest for foreign exchange of which the herrenvolk stand sorely in need.

Since December, 1939, the British blockade has stopped Germany's exports, but judging from the fact that the present market value of Hitler's fourteen pictures bears no relation to the catalogue value estimated at £2,000,000 it may be found that Americans will not be so ready to purchase. In view of the fact that the release of dollars would make available a large sum of money for the use of Nazi propaganda, espionage and sabotage in America.

In his hunt for foreign exchange (though not of lire), Hitler is prepared to part with Germany's Italian treasures, regardless of the sentiments of his Axis partner.

It may be within the bounds of possibility, however, that Mus-

CHUNGKING VERSION DENIED

A Japanese Naval spokesman in a statement yesterday contradicted the Chungking claims that the bodies of Admiral Osumi and others who were victims of a 'plane "accident" on February 5 near Canton, were buried by the Chinese.

The spokesman declared that Japanese bluejackets effected a landing on the southern foot of Mount Hwangyang to the south of Canton, on February 7 and reached the wreckage and recovered the bodies of the victims which were later taken aboard a Japanese naval vessel.

The Japanese Naval spokesman's statement categorically denies that Admiral Osumi was proceeding to the South Seas as the Commander-in-Chief of the combined Japanese Fleet in the South Seas and also states that the plane was not shot down by ground fire but crashed into Mount Hwangyang. — Reuter.

solini would not be heartbroken at the interception by the British of the paintings which are of the essence of Italian genius. — British Wireless.

GIRL RULE AN 'INSULT TO TROOPS'

SHEFFIELD'S GRANDMOTHERLY ruling that soldiers who want to take a girl to the pictures must first get the permission of an officer, has been described as an insult to the Forces.

Yet the City Council, despite all protests, confirmed its Watch Committee's rules.

Only one cinema is to be allowed to open on Sunday, and, even if a soldier gets his officer's consent, the girl he takes must not be under sixteen.

Alderman F. Threves, chairman of the Watch Committee, said their only desire was to assist the military authorities.

Councillor Mrs. Ada Moore said she had been asked by the W.V.S. and the W.A.T.S. why girls in these Services could not take civilian boy friends.

Alderman Womersley said the ruling would imply that, on joining the Army young men left their homes in a state of innocence and fell into depths of moral de-

gradation immediately. That was not the case—there was nothing to fear. It was wrong that these young men should have to go to a commanding officer or an N.C.O. for "a ticket, if you please," to take their girl friends to the pictures.

Soldiers with daughters under sixteen would be debarred from attending.

Councillor Keeble Hawson said: "This clause is an insult to the soldiers. I hope at the earliest moment it will be removed."

WASHINGTON SURPRISED

While terms of the armistice between Indo-China and Thailand are still not officially disclosed, reports from the Far East that Japan has used the occasion to get more out of it than anyone else surprise none in Washington, indeed it had been fully expected.

The general view of the situation is that Japan has secured through the fiction of mediation what she might otherwise have had to fight for.

It is believed in informed quarters here that Japan's new technique is too closely allied to Axis procedure to allow of Berlin's influence being dissociated from what recently occurred in the Indo-China peninsula, for the pattern of events there follows too closely the Nazi pattern to avoid such suspicion.

The idea is believed to be plan to put Japan in a striking position against both Singapore and Rangoon as well as to be handily placed for adventures toward the Netherlands East Indies. It is development, favour such a move. While it is not expected that Japan will be in a position to issue any threats of that nature for some time it is recognised that she has taken a further step in that "strong determination" to push Japanese expansion southward of which Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, Foreign Minister, recently spoke.

"Typhoon Weather"

The "Washington Star" uses the term "typhoon weather" to describe the political situation created by Japan's further encroachment on Indo-China's sovereignty. In the midst of such weather the news of the Netherlands East Indies' refusal to be incorporated in Japan's new order is distinctly cheering here.

The New York "Herald-Tribune" refers to the spirited reply to Mr. Matsuoka's suggestion of "intimate, inseparable relation" with Japan and adds, "After the success the Japanese have had in bullying their way into Indo-China this will be disconcerting to Tokyo. All piratically minded Army and Navy men there who have been whipping up each other's courage for a raid into the South Seas and whetting each other's appetite for easy loot will be wondering if there is not some reason they have overlooked why looting is not going to be so easy."

The paper suggests they will jump at the conclusion that the Netherlands East Indies' reply would not be issued without British encouragement and this may lead them to guess there will be some secret pledge of naval aid from the United States.

Useful Diversion

The "Herald-Tribune" says the Germans are probably delighted to be lured this because their only use for Japan is to have her create a diversion of American attention from Europe, but the Japanese are hardly delighted because their only use for Germany is to keep the British Navy busy while they exploit their opportunities, and they would much rather see American vessels in the Atlantic sinking German submarines than nosing into the western Pacific to give Japan's prospective victims courage to resist the forces of occupation, whose efficiency the Chinese already have discredited.

While the paper doubts the Netherlands East Indies had any assurance of American support, it adds that they have done well because "nothing is to be won from Japan by meek submission like that of Indo-China and the most likely way to get United States action that would embarrass a Japanese raid on the Indies is to stand up for themselves and fight if they must."—Reuter.

Police as Raid Victims.—According to the latest available figures, 80 policemen have been killed in the London area and 440 injured since the intensified air raids began.

USE OF TORPEDO 'PLANES

The assault carried out by the Fleet Air Arm on the main units of the Italian fleet as they lay in their base at Taranto is unique in the history of air warfare, writes the Air Correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian."

For the first time battleships were completely vanquished by aeroplanes, and for the first time torpedo-carrying aircraft were used in a large-scale attack.

At the present time the Fleet Air Arm is mainly equipped with two types of torpedo 'planes. These are the Fairey Swordfish and the Fairey Albacore. Both are biplanes, and the former, though a machine of 1935 design, has done good work since the war began. The Albacore is a new type and went into service only recently. It has a Bristol engine, and, like the Swordfish, carries a torpedo underneath the fuselage. The crew is accommodated in an enclosed cabin, the pilot sitting in front of the top wing and the navigator and gunner behind him. The performance of the Albacore and its range and speed have not yet been revealed, but its high power and clean lines suggest that it must be an exceptional aircraft.

Britain's Lead

A wealth of experience is behind these torpedo 'planes and the technique required in employing them in such actions as that which has just been made in the Mediterranean. No other country has developed torpedo-dropping from the air to such an extent as Britain, and the method and mechanical devices involved in connection with it have been kept secret. From the close of the last war until last year experiments were being made with aircraft carrying torpedoes weighing nearly 2,000 pounds, and successive types of torpedo-carrying aeroplanes for operation from both shore bases and warships have been produced.

The Axis too employs torpedo 'planes. Germany has numbers of Arado seaplanes and Italy has, among other types, a considerable number of Cant float seaplanes. Some of these have been destroyed by the R.A.F. as well as by the Navy.

'KILL SECRET IN MY MIND'

Captain Romero, on trial for alleged spying in Manila, capital of the Philippine Islands, offered to undergo a brain operation to erase from his memory all military secrets.

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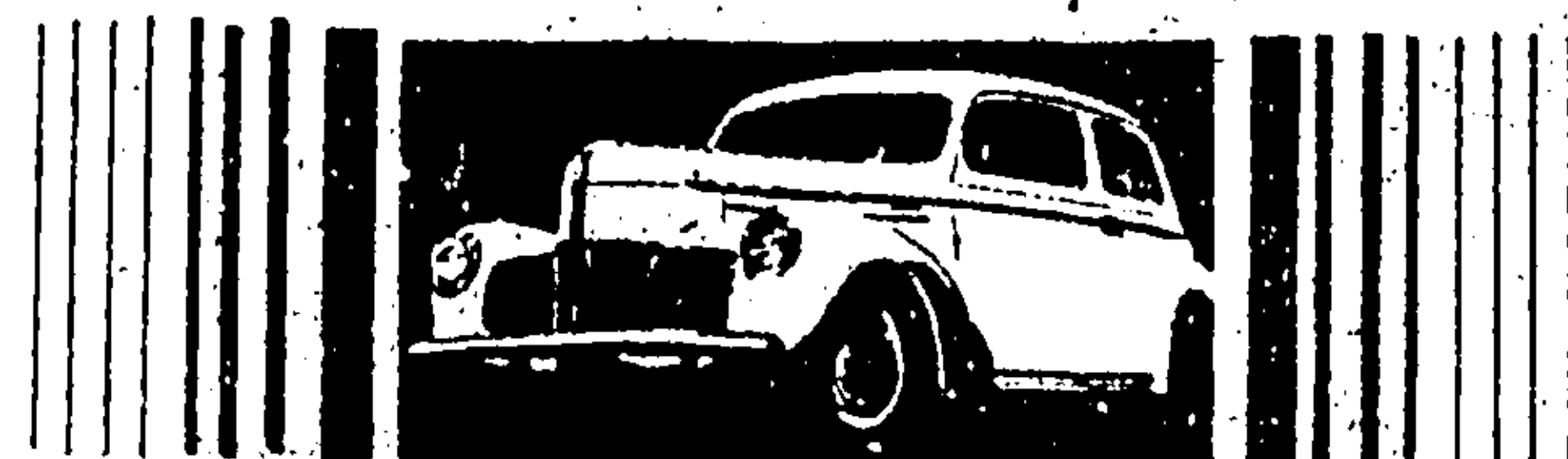
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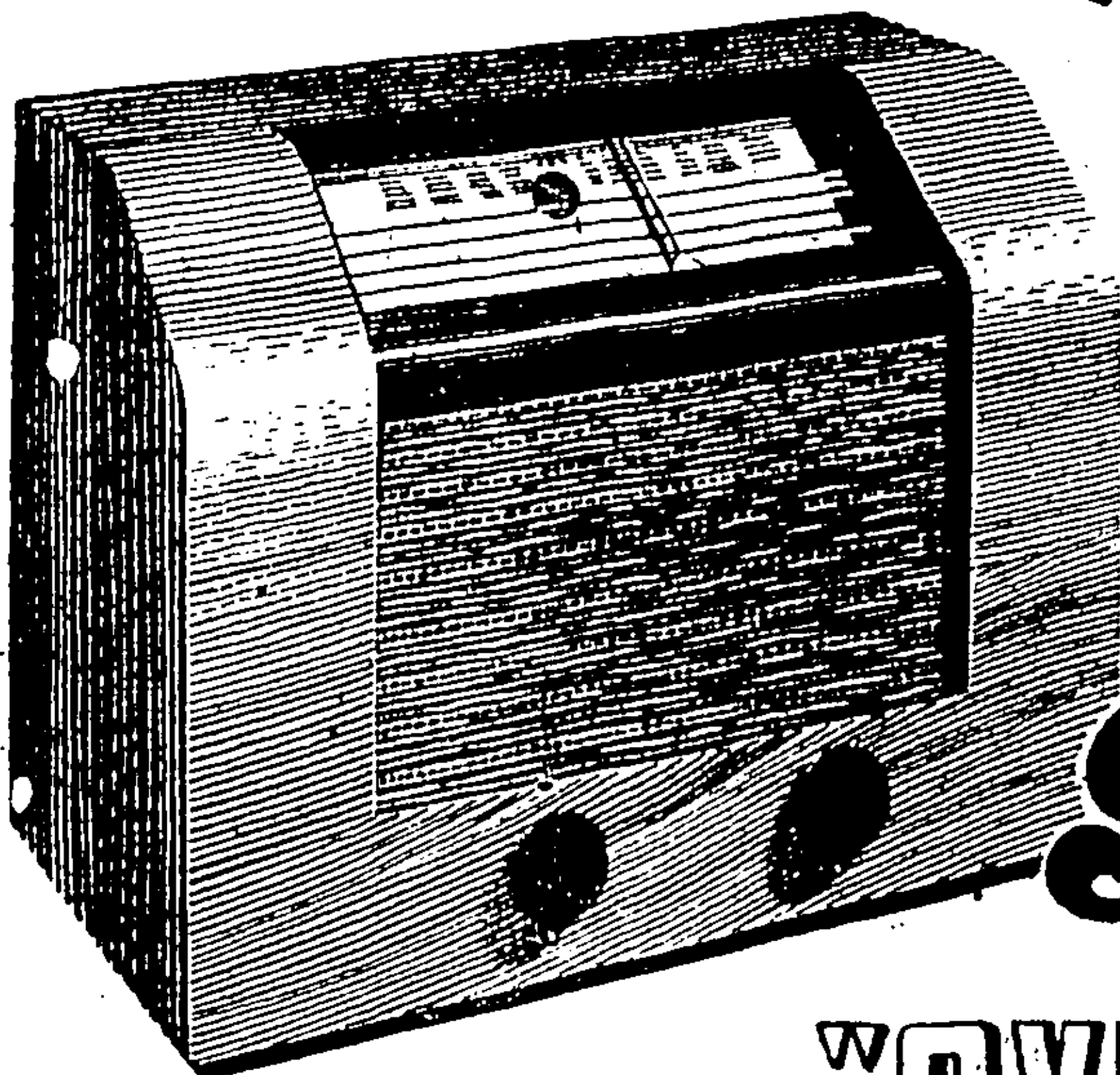
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commendations.It has published a number of
hand-books on air-raid pre-
cautions, one of which, No. 5 A,
deals with the design and con-
struction of bomb-resisting shel-
ters, writes the scientific corres-
pondent of the "Manchester Guar-
dian." It will be noted that the
title has been carefully chosen,
for "bomb-resisting" has not quite
the same meaning as "bomb-
proof." But the designs in
Handbook 5 A include those of
shelters which are con-
sidered to give adequate pro-
tection against a direct hit by a
500lb. bomb travelling at maxi-
mum speed that is, about 1,000
feet per second after falling from
an aeroplane at 15,000 feet. In
popular language such a shelter
would be described as "bomb-
proof" because it would keep out
all ordinary bombs for the num-
ber of bombs of more than 500-
lb. weight that are dropped is re-
latively small and the chance of
being hit by one is extremely
small. Certainly the majority of
persons would feel virtually safe
in such a shelter.What, then, does Handbook 5 A
recommend? It gives designs for
circular and rectangular shelters
for 200 persons and a rectangular
shelter for 1,200 persons.It is stated that the roofs of
such shelters should consist of
concrete five feet thick, internally
reinforced with steel bars. This
will keep out 500lb. bombs with
medium-weight metal cases and
still heavier bombs with lighter
cases. To keep out 500lb. bombs
with heavy metal cases reinforced-
concrete roofs seven feet six
inches thick are required. But the
five-foot will be generally ade-
quate. The rectangular shelter for
200 persons consists essentially of
a single block of reinforced con-
crete, with hollows inside for ac-
commodating people.Part Above, Part
Below GroundIt is rather surprising to learn
that galleries below ground need
walls twice as thick as those
above ground. This is due to the
confinement of the explosion
when it occurs, below ground.
If a bomb explodes beside
a wall above ground, the
explosion away from the wall
will be into the air and
will be virtually unresisted. But if
it explodes beside a wall below
ground the explosion away from
the wall will be resisted by the
earth. This will make the effect
of the explosion against the wall
much more violent. When the ex-
plosion cannot move freely in any
direction it is described as tamped,
and its local violence is increased.The success of the Anderson
shelter is due especially to its
good behaviour against earth
movements. It is a flexible struc-
ture, and in many instances has
been shifted one foot by a near
explosion without the occupants
being hurt.A concrete or brick under-
ground shelter which will resist
such a big earth movement must
be made much more strongly, be-
cause it is more rigid and less
flexible and is unable to "give."
One remedy for this drawback is
to arrange that underground con-
crete or brick shelters
should be surrounded by an air
space one or two feet wide, so
that the earth movement due to
local explosions will not act direct-
ly on the wall but will expend it-
self in flinging earth into the
cavity.But to return to the bomb-re-
sisting shelter. Its underground
walls should be 6ft. 6in. thick
and the floor should be 5ft.
thick. This is to keep out bombs
that have penetrated the ground
sideways and burrowed under
the floor of the shelter.It is possible to make a rough
estimate of how much material
would be needed to make such
shelters for a substantial fraction
of the population in the most im-
portant and dangerous places, say
for 8,000,000 persons. For this,
some 530,000,000 cubic feet of
concrete, 4,075,000 tons of cement,
and 625,000 tons of steel would
be needed. These quantities are
not extraordinary. The annual
output of the British cement in-BRIDGE
NOLESA DEEP FINESSE
By The Four Aces"About a month ago you wrote
about the excellent bidding of this
hand," writes a reader. "All you
said about the play was: 'The
contract was far from a laydown,
but South's careful play earned
twelve tricks without excessive
difficulty.' I'm sorry to say that
my difficulty in seeing the
correct play is excessive. I al-
ways run up against two diamond
losers. Don't you?"

North, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

♠ 7 2	♠ 9 8 4 3	♠ 6
♥ K Q J 6 3	♥ A	♥ 10 8 7 4
♦ K 8 5	♦ 4 3 2	♦ 2
♣ Q 10 5	♣ A 7 6 2	♣ J 10 7

♠ A K J 10 5
 ♥ 9 5
 ♦ A Q 9 6
 ♣ K J

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♥
3♥	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♠	Pass

West's normal lead is the King
of hearts, and dummy wins with
the Ace. South next draws one
round of trumps,
and then switches
to clubs. The club
King and Ace are
followed by a club
ruff, and dummy
is entered with the
postponed second
round of trumps
for another club
ruff. Dummy re-
gains the lead with a heart ruff
and a diamond is returned from
the dummy.At this point the stage is set
for the key play of the hand. In-
stead of finessing the Queen of
diamonds, South finesesses the nine.
As it happens, that forces out the
King, and the rest is easy. But
even if West had been able to win
the trick with the ten or Jack of
diamonds, South would still make
his contract. West would either
have to return a diamond up to
South's Ace-Queen or lead a heart
and allow dummy to discard a
diamond while South ruffed. Note
also that it does East no good to
put up the ten of diamonds on the
first round of that suit. That al-
lows South to play the Queen and
retain the A-9 as a tenace over
East's 10-7.The play is a rather neat one
and is based on the fact that there
is less risk in cashing the high
clubs with a trump still out than
in banking everything on the
diamond finesse.Yesterday you were Oswald
Jacoby's partner and, with nei-
ther side vulnerable, you held:

♠ J 3
♥ K J 5
♦ K Q 4 2
♣ Q J 7 3

The bidding:

Schenken	You	Malier	Jacoby
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Bid two no-trump.
Since your partner is fourth-hand
his bid must be sound, and you
can safely show your "maximum
pass."Score 100% for two no-trump;
70% for two diamonds; 60% for
two clubs; 20% for three no-trump;
0 for any other bid.

Question No. 638

To-day you hold the same hand
but the bidding is:

You	Malier	Jacoby	Schenken
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
(?)			

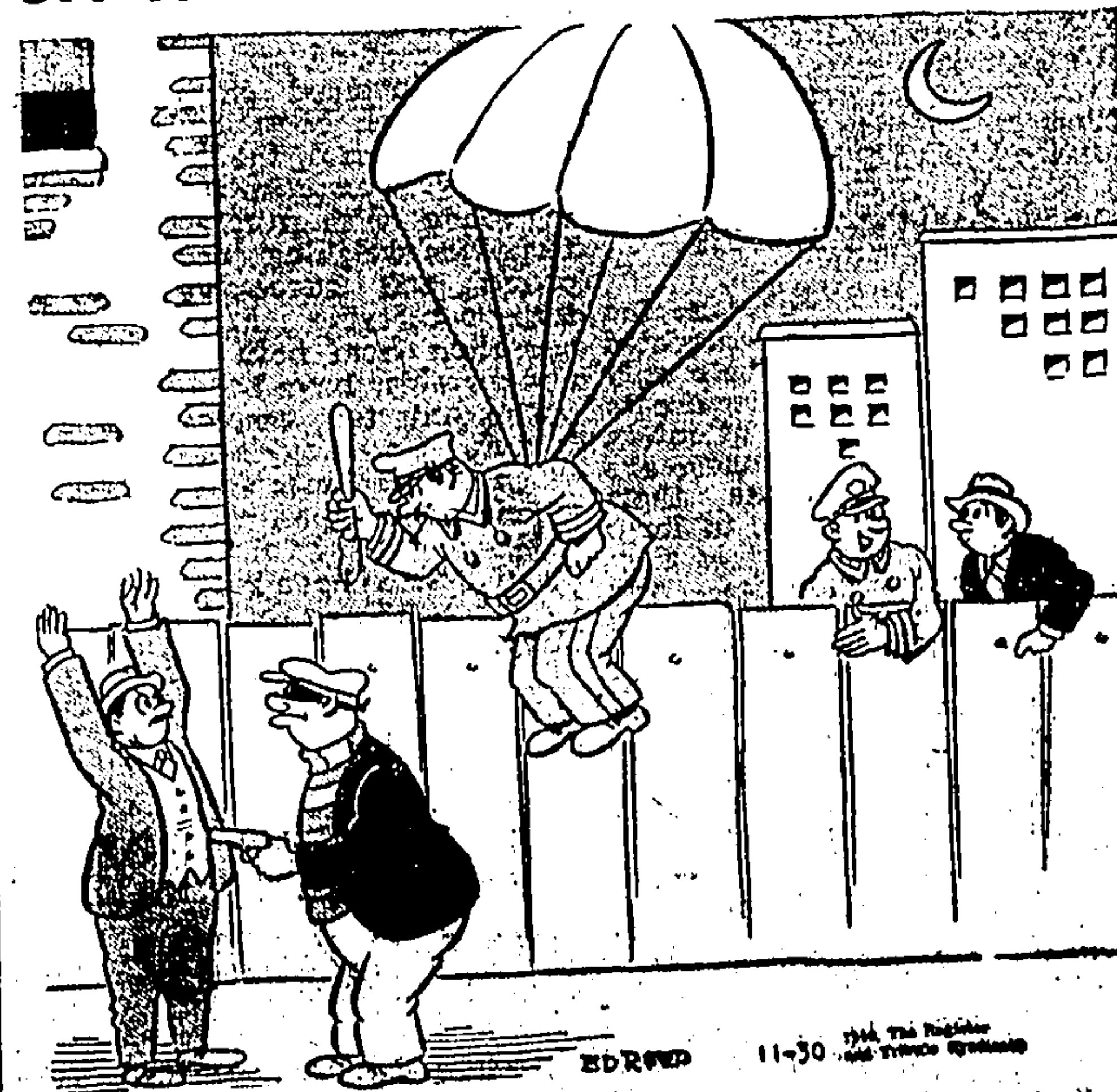
What do you bid? (Answer
tomorrow.)(Released by The Bell Syndi-
cate, Inc.)dustry is about 7,000,000 tons, and
there seems to be no good
reason why its production should
not have been expanded by 60
per cent for such an important
object.ALL OIL SEIZED
IN RUMANIAGENERAL ANTONESCU, Germany's puppet
dictator of Rumania, recently seized the whole of
the Rumanian oil industry, in which hundreds of
thousands of pounds of British capital are invested.He issued a decree expropriating all pipelines,
pumping stations and reservoirs, and the land on
which they stand.The Rumanian Government will in future have
the exclusive right to operate existing pipelines and
build new ones, and the decree added:"Pipelines which are not regis-
tered with the authorities by their
present owners within a fortnight
will be taken over without com-
pensation."Another decree ordered the
seizure of all Danube barges, tugs,
tankers and sea-going ships owned
or used by companies with
Jewish stockholders.This decree enabled An-
tonescu to seize all British and
American oil companies' prop-
erties he wished, since these com-
panies undoubtedly have Jewish
shareholders.In view of Germany's need for
oil, Britain can find some satisfac-
tion in the official announcement
in Bucharest not so long ago that
since the summer the daily oil
production has fallen from 1,700
tankards to 1,400 tankards.The reason given is that it has
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cles say the disorders in Rumania
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Home Dry Skin Facial

As the throat is the vulnerable spot where tell-tale marks of age first appear, every woman should take certain precautions to keep it looking youthful and refined. Both exercise of neck and precise massage with rich cream are essential to throat beauty, and no week should pass without the throat getting at least two special treatments when the face gets facials.

Many women are prone to neglect throat care, but no reliable beauty salon would think of giving you a facial which did not include creaming, massaging and firming the throat. So home facials should follow their routine.

Dry Skin Chief Problem

Ladies who have dry skin must work the harder to prevent their throat and face from aging quickly. Rich lubricants, religiously applied, are necessary. Have on your dressing table a jar of extra rich cream for throat massage, a mild astringent, some cotton pads, a cleansing cream, a night lubricant for face skin and the most perfect foundation cream or lotion you can buy. All these seem needed during months of extreme weather when it is very cold or very hot. During the warm part of spring and autumn, dry skin seems to get along nicely without nightly lubricating. During that period weekly massage seems to suffice, so those of you who live in a moderate climate may take you cue for skin care from that.

Facial At Home

I like to advocate that a woman have one professional facial in a responsible salon to learn how a thorough skin treatment is given. It isn't always necessary to come from the salon laden with one of everything which was used in the professional treatment, but it is advisable to buy the essentials of skin care from one line of cosmetics and give those a chance to do their job. Mixing brands of creams can be harmful to dry, sensitive skins—such as using a cleansing cream of one line and a lubricant of another. One may mix brands of make-up with little worry.

Once you know the steps of a throat and face treatment you can take an hour and go through the routine at home, or you may teach another to give you the facial. Somehow the utter, divine relaxation which is possible during a professional facial seems to me to



In downy comfort one relaxes for a throat and face treatment by nimble fingers while one is instructed in corrective massage and told which aids are essential to keep dry skin dewy fresh!

be as valuable to one's beauty as the aids which are put on and taken off the skin! Fortunately is the woman who can afford weekly, or twice weekly, professional facials!

Massaging One's Throat

Always massage your throat upward and outward to prevent drooping lines and to smooth the skin. Use the cushions of fingers and press gently, but firmly so as

not to break down the delicate neck tissues but do make certain that the skin is adequately greased and the muscles adequately stimulated. Remember too that your throat should be well cleansed with both cream and a soaping before any lubricant is massaged onto it.

After a facial, the foundation cream or lotion should be spread over both face and throat, and then one's powder applied.

such as pure castile shaved and melted or a castile liquid soap produced by a reliable firm. Be sure to rinse the hair very well after each of the two soapings.

The use of stronger soaps, hot drying appliances, hot curling irons, bleaches or tints should definitely be avoided while you are reconditioning your tired scalp. Also try to avoid tight hats as they thwart the blood circulation which is very necessary to healthy hair.

And by all means do not have a permanent wave until your hair is stronger. If you want a little fluff, wind strands of your hair around clean strips of strong rag as women did before machine waves were invented. Dampen the hair slightly first with cologne or water and cologne mixed and sit in the sunshine until it is dry. Then brush out the curls and dress your hair softly. You can get a truly flattering hair-do in this manner.

If a "tired scalp" is taken in time and persistence used in the above treatment, the hair can be made to grow stronger and better. Once you have recuperated enough, exercise your body for ten, fifteen or twenty minutes each day, to help matters along and give you more pep!

ishment, and those foods which contain iodine are the most helpful. These include powdered sea greens, oysters, clams, lobsters, cod liver oil, pineapple, artichokes, garlic and sorrel.

Iodine Cocktail

If your physician approves, you might take the following iodine cocktail daily for one or two months. You will be surprised at the new life which will appear in your hair.

Mix a half teaspoonful of finely powdered sea greens and an egg yolk with a fork. Then beat this mixture into a cup of orange juice.

About Shampooing

Do not shampoo more often than once every two weeks and if you live where it is not very dusty, you may allow three weeks to elapse between shampoos.

Use only the mildest of soaps

Reconditioning

Many women experience a falling hair problem after an illness. This condition is commonly known as a "tired scalp," and is caused by extreme cases of nervousness and any disease which creates a fever even for a short time. In fact the very prevalent influenza sadly weakens the hair roots. If the hairs are dead because of an illness the sooner you brush them free from the scalp, the better for new hair is pushing the old out.

What is most needed is to watch the growth of, and care for the new baby hairs which appear so they will not die of malnutrition. Massaging of the scalp should be firm yet gentle and a good tonic with hair growing properties should be used. At first only a little brushing with a soft bristled brush is the rule, as the daily massage is sufficient to stimulate the scalp.

As you are recuperating from your below-par condition do not neglect to eat. Hair needs nour-

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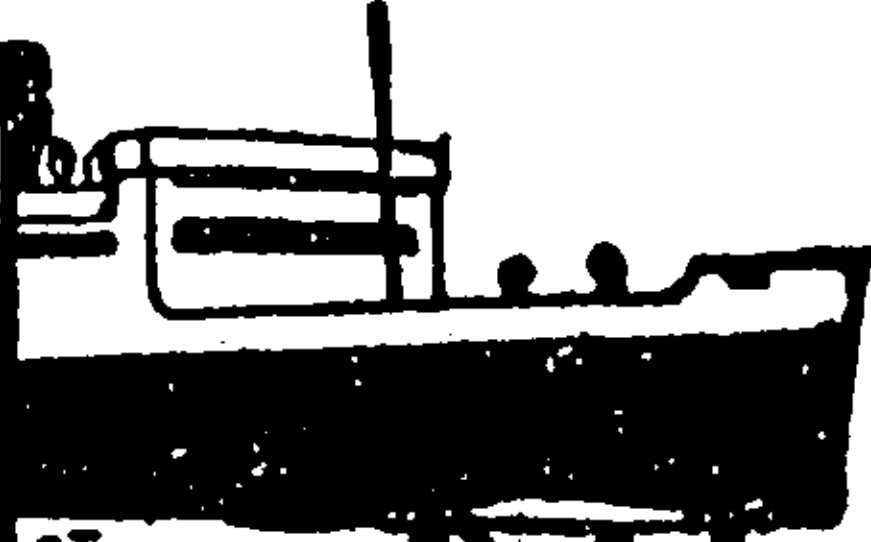
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1.45 p.m.—Les Allen (Baritone) and Primo Scala's Accordeon Band.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.32 p.m.—Compositions of Mendelssohn.
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7.30 p.m.—Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Boy Friends.
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8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.
8.30 p.m.—Variety.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.
9.30 p.m.—"Nights At The Ballet". Symphony Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr.
10.05 p.m.—Elgar—Sonata in E Minor for Violin and Piano, Op. 82.
1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: Romance-Andante; 3rd Mov: Allegro con troppo...Alto Sammons (Violin) and William Murdoch (Piano).
10.30 p.m.—Songs by Dennis Noble (Baritone).
10.40 p.m.—Marek Weber and His Orchestra.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

HALF GERMAN DIVE BOMBERS LOST

MORE THAN HALF of the dive-bombers which the Germans sent against this country and its shipping were shot out of the sky.

This statement is made by a high authority, who pointed out that the spectacular successes achieved by the dive-bombers, the Junkers 87's, against the invaded countries were due solely to the absence of opposition.

GIRL'S FLIGHTS TO PARIS

Mr. Justice Hilbery awarded £900 damages with costs in the King's Bench Division to the mother of a girl who, at the age of 16½, was stated to have been "completely overwhelmed" by the son of her employer.

The plaintiff was Mrs. Ethel Taylor, of Highfield Cottages, Highfield Road, Shepperton, Middlesex. She sued Mr. John Ettlinger, 36, of Whitfield Street, W., for the seduction of her daughter, who was employed as bookkeeper at the Anchor Hotel, Shepperton. Ettlinger was not in court.

Mr. I. J. Lindner, for Mrs. Taylor, said that in the early summer of 1936 Mrs. Ettlinger, defendant's mother, who owned the hotel, suggested that her son should escort Miss Taylor home in his car at night instead of her making the journey by bicycle. Later he began taking her on night flying trips to Paris and lavishly entertaining her at Hanworth and in London.

"His manner and his means completely overwhelmed the girl," said Mr. Lindner.

Mrs. Taylor became suspicious and begged Mrs. Ettlinger to get her son to stop the association. In August, 1936, defendant promised his mother that he would give up the association, but nothing was done. Mrs. Taylor threatened to take her daughter away from the hotel.

Induced To Leave

Ettlinger then promised Miss Taylor marriage and induced her to leave home. Towards the end of June, 1937 she entered a Kilburn nursing home and gave birth to a child on July 4.

When she was discharged from the nursing home Mr. Ettlinger put her in a taxi and told her she had better go back to her mother. He would not let her have the baby.

Mr. Justice Hilbery: Where is it? Counsel: He put the child out with a woman in Saffron Walden.

Mr. Lindner added that last May Miss Taylor discovered that Ettlinger was associating with other women and that he was married.

Miss Taylor stated in evidence

That state of affairs does not obtain here. The Junkers 87s have been destroyed over Britain in such large numbers when brought against us that they are now completely discredited so far as operations over Britain are concerned.

Similarly spectacular were the results obtained by the enemy with parachute troops, but here again the element of surprise has disappeared and we are well equipped to meet any such danger.

Army Cooperation

The authority referred to, discussing the new Army Cooperation Command of the R.A.F., stated that, complicated as the scheme may appear, it has the unanimous support of the Air Staff and the General Staff. The Army did not want its own air force, comparable with the Fleet Air Arm.

The belief that the German dive bombers were working directly as an integral part of the German land forces was not correct it was stated. They were the same dive bombers that worked independently and attacked our ships and later our south coast towns and were found to be very vulnerable in the face of strong fighter opposition.

There was no direct and continuous communication between German ground troops and air formations. In work on the battle field in cooperation with the Army, air superiority was the first essential. Aircraft were under development which would be well suited to such tactical cooperation.

that while staying with the defendant in London, she had double pneumonia, necessitating the attendance of two doctors and two nurses. They had not been paid; neither had the rent of the furnished flat been paid. While she was ill Mr. Ettlinger packed up his things and walked out.

"Like Blackguard"

Mr. Justice Hilbery, giving judgment, said that on the evidence before him, the defendant at every stage appeared to have behaved like a blackguard and with a degree of callousness and meanness in money matters that would have been a disgrace to a full-blooded Englishman. He was not that, because his father, at any rate, was German.

The mother was entitled to recompense for the loss of her daughter's services, and the law could give vindictive damages where a parent had been wounded in her honour and feelings by a seducer's conduct.

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As soon as an alarm goes the cats tear from fields or huts and curl up by the guns or the ammunition. Not even a mouse hunt keeps them away. And the more the guns roar, the louder the cats purr.

Their official names, taken from gunnery terms, are Bearing and Q.E., although they are called other things as well.

Q.E., as becomes a lady, takes a special interest in the cleaning of the guns and walks up and down the barrels, making sure they are O.K.

Another section of the same battery had until a few weeks ago an even more exciting mascot. Lewis the goat.

Lewis was not universally popular. With his beard wagging in the air he often chose a moment when the guns were firing to take flying leaps in and out of the sandbags.

Unfortunately, too, he took a strong dislike to one of the gunners.

Whenever the wretched man appeared he made a bee line for him and showed off his butting prowess. Whether a charge of assault was brought against him is not officially stated, but in any case Lewis is now in the hands of the police.

FORTY THOUSAND TROOPS have ended large-scale winter manoeuvres in England — and the whole operation was based on what the B.E.F. would do after a successful new landing on the coast.

It enabled the Army High Command to study the employment and handling of a corps, chiefly highly mechanised, in a rapid offensive movement.

The newest system of close air support — aircraft harrassing the enemy in low-level bombing and machine-gunning — was demonstrated. It was clear that the assistance given was swifter even than that which the Luftwaffe practised in Poland and the Low Countries.

Another form of close air support was practised with outstanding success, but Press representatives were not permitted to describe it. Infantrymen trudged forty miles in thirty-six hours, sometimes over soggy fields and through quagmires, while mechanised columns drove astride roads black with sodden leaves.

Travel 300 Miles

The armoured division, complete with light, medium and cruiser tanks, and with hundreds of other fighting vehicles and transport, travelled over 300 miles in three days and nights.

Two squadrons of 'planes gave close air support to the infantry division which, with the crack 25-pound artillery, broke a thick "crust" of enemy resistance.

Another squadron cooperated with the armoured division, in-

cluding the Army's "anti-panzer" motor battalion.

The corps was presumed to be moving to the support of another corps which had already been facing the enemy some weeks. Chief observer was Sir Alan Brooke, commander-in-chief of the Home Forces.

Crown Prince Olaf of Norway led uniformed spectators representing Free Forces of Norway and Poland. While the Prince was watching an attack, the captain of one party held up the chauffeur of his car, parked half a mile away. "Take my men to their objective," said the captain.

The Crown Prince, who had to follow the manoeuvres for the next few hours in another car, took the joke in good part.

From the moment troops left barracks they were never once attacked by German airmen.

BASKETBALL TREAT FOR THE COLONY

California's golden, star-studded 20th Century Fox Film basketball team, which passed through Hong Kong two weeks ago on route to the Philippine Islands, are booked to give an exhibition game in the Colony against a local all-star aggregation, upon their return, in aid of charity.

Arrangements have already been started to stage the exhibition either at Hong Kong University's spacious gymnasium, or the Chinese Y.M.C.A. The team is scheduled to arrive in Hong Kong about February 21st, remaining overnight.

This American all-star hoop quintette, which won the Pacific Coast A.A.U. championship last year, is made up of former college stars, most of whom were selected on all-conference teams during their collegiate "rah, rah, rah" days.

High-Class Treat

The performance of these brilliant cage artists in this Colony should be a real high-class treat for local court fans and all interested in seeing the world's finest calibre of basketball, as it is played in America.

It will be recalled that Vancouver's Maple Leafs, Canadian basketball champions in 1938, gave a brilliant exhibition in Hong Kong two years ago during their Oriental tour.

Basketball, as it is played today, is a highly scientific game, the old individual dribbling method being replaced by modern well-timed, streamlined screening plays. These Californian giants all tower over the six foot mark and are considered masters in the art of using deceptive screening plays.

Arrangements are being made to have some of these cage stars give short talks on the intricacies of basketball, on the afternoon of their arrival in Hong Kong, to local basketball enthusiasts. — Contributed.

WATER-POLO MATCH

A water-polo match between the European Y.M.C.A. and Middlesex will be played to-morrow at "Y" pool. Teams:

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NAVY FAVOURED TO WIN RUGBY SEVENS TOURNAMENT

Expected To Meet Club In Final On March 17 Of 26 Teams Selected: Two Keen Games On Saturday

By "Scrum-Half"

THE SEVEN-A-SIDE RUGBY TOURNAMENT COMMENCES ON SATURDAY WITH 10 MATCHES, OR NINE MATCHES IF IT IS TRUE THAT A.S.C. HAVE GIVEN BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE A WALK-OVER, AND THERE ARE GOING TO BE SOME VERY LIVELY MATCHES BEFORE THE SHIELD IS PRESENTED ON MARCH 1.

I have a few of the teams, sufficient, I think, to make a complete forecast at this early stage and despite the doubt that surrounds such fine players as J. C. Charter, who will not be back from his honeymoon until next week, and Tel. Paul, who is feverishly putting the finishing touches to an injured knee.

First Round winners should be Club "A", the holders, Middlesex "A", Civil Service, Royal Scots "A", Royal Engineers, B & S, 8th Heavy "A", Combined Small Units "A", Hong Kong Bank and Tamar & Small Ships "A".

Second Round winners should be Club "A", Civil Service, Royal Engineers, 12th Heavy "A", Club "B", Police "A", 8th Heavy "A" and Tamar & Small Ships "A".

Quarter-finalists should be Club "A", Royal Engineers, Police "A" and Tamar & Small Ships "A".

Semi-finalists should be Club "A" and Tamar & Small Ships "A".

Winners Tamar & Small Ships "A".

It is rather daring to make the above forecast, but I had to follow my own sweep in last season's series.

Two Close Games

Looking at next Saturday's programme I must say Middlesex "A" are not going to have matters all their own way against Tamar & Small Ships "B", who will have Rutherford, Winter, Morahan, Wilson and Skinner among their likely starters.

Don't forget the Sevens Tournament is in aid of the Bomber Fund.

Another close game will be that between the Sappers and 5th A.A. "A", who have in Giblin and Wedderburn two very dangerous sevens players — Wedderburn is hooking!

Richards and Marsh are likely to put paid to Jardine's account as I cannot see Bosanquet or Nelson eluding or stopping them. This should be a very fast game with forward play at a minimum — just as sevens should be played.

Programme

Following is Saturday's programme at Causeway Bay:

FIRST ROUND

Club "A" v Royal Scots "B", 2.30 p.m. Referee: Lt.-Comdr. Harrison.

Middlesex "A" v Tamar & Small Ships "B", 2.50 p.m. Referee: E. Matthews.

12th Heavy "B" v Civil Service, 3.10 p.m. Referee: J. S. Riddell.

Police "B" v Royal Scots "A", 3.30 p.m. Referee: Major Curran.

R.E. v 5th A.A. "A", 3.50 p.m. Referee: Lt. Pirie.

B. & S. v A.S.C., 4.10 p.m. Referee: Lt.-Comdr. Harrison.

8th Heavy "A" v Jardine's, 4.30 p.m. Referee: E. Matthews.

5th A.A. "B" v Combined Small Units "A", 4.50 p.m. Referee: J. S. Riddell.

H.K. Bank v 57th Rajputs, 5.10 p.m. Referee: Major Curran.

8th Heavy "C" v Tamar & Small Ships "A", 5.30 p.m. Referee: Lt. Pirie.

The Teams

Following are some of the teams:

Middlesex "A": Lt. Cpl. Murgaridge, Lieut. Weedon and Capt. Man; Pte. Jones, Pte. Berry, Sgt. Bayly and Capt. Hewitt (capt.).

Reserve: Lt. Cpl. Wilson.

Middlesex "B": Pte. Thompson (80); Pte. Thompson (39) and Sgt. Sturdy; Pte. Samuels; Lieut. Willoughby (capt.); Sgt. Burrell and Pte. Wookey.

Reserve: D. M. Holdford.

Royal Engineers: Spr. Jones (7); Cpl. Picton and Cpl. Birrell; Cpl. Foley (capt.); Spr. Martin (1); Lt. Sgt. Davis and Lt. Sgt. Sheldrake.

Reserve: L. Sgt. Brinkley, Cpl. Apperley and Spr. Rees.

Club "A": H. van Leeuwen; D. H. Stewart and H. D. Bidwell; J. M. Thomson; C. F. Needham; A. F. Walkden (capt.) and R. E. Heasman.

Reserve: D. Thomas.

Club "B": R. M. Lavalley; P. Wilson and F. Clemo; W. Stoker (capt.); J. Olesen, E. W. Stout and L. A. Benn.

Police "A": D. H. Taylor; Reynolds and G. S. Wilson (capt.); Wright-Nooth; Dempsey, Cullinan and Innis.

Reserve: —Wall.

Police "B": Jackson; Fay and Dingsdale; Oakley; Searle (capt.); Lewis and Rose.

Reserve: —Leslie and Jenner.

57th Rajputs: Pollock (capt.); Allan and Fandeland; Scriven; Ambell, Course and Wood.

12th Heavy Regt. "A": Gnr. Keeble; Gnr. Frost and Gnr. Miners; Gnr. Foster; 2/Lieut. Eddison; Lt. Bdr. Luckett and 2/Lieut. Bompass (capt.).

Reserve: —Lieut. R. B. Smith and Lt. Bdr. Dooley.

12th Heavy Regt. "B": Gnr. McCarthy; Gnr. Howarth and Gnr. Couch; Gnr. Bevan; Lt. Bdr. Pain; 2/Lieut. Delderfield (capt.) and Bdr. Giddins.

Reserve: —Gnr. Jones and Gnr. Denton.

Hong Kong Bank: D. G. Day; M. G. Carruthers and G. G. Aitkenhead; F. M. Thompson; R. C. Gairdner, J. S. Dunnett and A. M. Kennedy (capt.).

Reserve: J. S. Lee.

Combined Small Units "A": Pte. Macdonald; Lieut. Coombes (capt.) and Sgt. Hamlin; Lt. Cpl. Morgan; Sgt. Manfield, Cpl. Chandler and Sgt. Bedford.

Reserve: —Pte. Mohan.

Combined Small Units "B": Cpl. McPherson; Pte. Pratt and L. A. C. Gracey; Pte. Whybro; Pte. Wigglesworth, Capt. Crew (capt.) and Cpl. Gash.

Reserve: —Sigm. Lithauer.

Civil Service: A. J. G. Taylor (capt.); L. E. Lammert and T. O. Morgan; J. Redman; B. Hynes; F. Burford and E. W. R. Hackett.

Reserve: J. C. Charter.

5th A.A. Regt. "A": 2/Lieut. Fairclough; Gnr. Giblin and Gnr. Baker; Gnr. Dobbinson; Gnr. Evens; 2/Lieut. Wedderburn and Sgt. Page (capt.).

Reserve: —Bdr. Mew and Gnr. Bowen.

5th A.A. Regt. "B": Gnr. Eastbrook; Gnr. Mulligan and 2/Lieut. T. A. Pearce; Gnr. Sutcliffe; Lt. Bdr. Clarke; 2/Lieut. Banner and 2/Lieut. Heath (capt.).

Reserve: —Gnr. Mullen and Gnr. Owen.

Jardine's: D. I. Bosanquet (capt.); N. J. Booker and D. B. Nelson; J. C. Eader; G. G. G. R. G. Whitbourne and G. J. P. Carey.

Reserve: —T. Swan and I. D. Bruce.

LEAGUE TABLE

SECTION "A"					
	P.	L.	W.	F.	A. Pts.
King's	6	1	5	39	10
Chung Wah	6	1	5	39	10
Recrelo	4	2	2	18	4
V.R.C.	5	4	1	12	2
J.R.C.	5	5	0	9	36
SECTION "B"					
	P.	L.	W.	F.	A. Pts.
K.C.C.	6	0	6	36	19
St. John's	5	1	4	31	14
St. Andrew's	5	3	2	24	21
Kowloon Tong	6	4	2	24	30
Police	6	6	0	11	43

BADMINTON

K.C.C. FULLY EXTENDED

Kowloon Cricket Club, leaders in Section "B" of Junior Division of the Badminton League, were given their most severe test thus far this season when Kowloon Tong only went down on the last game of the evening.

It was a most gruelling match, most of the games being very closely-contested, and over three hours was required for its completion.

J. Tsang and Peter Lo gave a great display in beating the powerful Wynter-Blyth-Fisher combination, while other outstanding players were F. H. Kwok, for Kowloon Tong, and J. L. Anderson, of K.C.C.

The match between Chung Wah and V.R.C. was postponed and in the two other games, St. John's and King's both registered victories.

Following were the scores:—

K. Tong v K.C.C.

Kowloon Tong lost to Kowloon C.C. 4-5.
Peter Lo and J. Tsang (K. Tong) lost to J. L. Anderson and Jones 21-24.
beat A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth 23-20.
beat E. Zimmerman and A. E. P. Guest 21-13.
R. Lee and N. A. E. Mackay (K. Tong) beat Anderson and Jones 24-23.
lost to Fisher and Wynter-Blyth 2-21.
lost to Zimmerman and Guest 10-21.
S. Kwok and Chan (K. Tong) lost to Anderson and Jones 11-21.
lost to Fisher and Wynter-Blyth 18-21.
beat Zimmerman and Guest 21-17.

Police v St. John's

Police lost to St. John's 3-6.
W. Gillies and Gordon (Police) lost to S. Eardley and D. Kwok 14-21.
beat N. Smith and N. Whitley 21-12.
beat R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd 21-3.
H. Dingsdale and H. S. Liu (Police) lost to Eardley and Kwok 17-21.
lost to Smith and Whitley 17-21.
beat Maynard and Ladd 21-17.
T. J. Mackay and R. Hogarth (Police) lost to Eardley and Kwok 5-21.
lost to Smith and Whitley 9-21.
lost to Maynard and Ladd 11-21.

King's v J.R.C.

King's College beat Jewish Recreation Club 7-2.
K. L. Lui and J. Pau (King's) lost to J. Odell and M. Talan 17-21.
beat B. Godkin and S. Ramler 21-9.
beat A. R. Pollak and J. Odell 21-9.
S. P. Chan and K. J. Atwell (King's) beat Odell and Talan 21-13.
beat Godkin and Ramler 21-14.
beat Pollak and Odell 21-7.
W. C. Chung and R. K. Lo (King's) lost to Odell and Talan 10-23.
beat Godkin and Ramler 21-12.
beat Pollak and Odell 21-12.

SUNDAY CRICKET LEAGUE AT I.R.C.

(By A Special Correspondent)

ALTHOUGH INDIAN Recreation Club are not doing as well as in former years in Senior Division of the Cricket League, their junior team, under the captaincy of M. R. Abbas, is making a great effort to keep the Sookunpoo flag flying, despite a couple of early season defeats.

The brightest part about cricket at this club, however, is that more non-League players are taking part this year in their Sunday League than ever before, even though only four teams are competing as against the average six or seven in the past.

These teams are led by K. Nazari, A. Bakar, H. T. Barma and M. Abdul-Wahab respectively, and the competition is already about half-way through.

In the days of the late Frank Pereira competition was so keen that almost every member of the Club's 1st XI played for one team or another. To-day, apart from a couple of League players in each side, the teams are made up almost entirely of schoolboys, some of them hardly taller than a full-sized cricket bat.

Standard Not High

As might naturally be expected, the standard of cricket cannot be said to be too high but the keen interest taken in the game by the youngsters augurs well for the future of cricket at the I.R.C.

In former years teams representing Malay, the Electric Company, "Incogs," "Stoics," etc., were entered but this time those members who wanted to take part had to submit their names to the sub-committee in charge of the competition and the teams were selected by the sub-committee, thus ensuring that balance in strength that makes for good finishes.

One of the keenest members of the club is H. T. Barma, who must have had about 15 years of cricket, while A. Bakar, who is on the staff of the Ellis Kadoorie Indian School is a sort of non-playing captain of a team made up of boys from that school. Barma's term, known as the Bhoras, have played two and won two while the school eleven won the only game they played.

Nazari's team lost to Barma's XI by a very narrow margin two Sundays ago — there was no cricket last Sunday owing to the wetness of the ground following Saturday's rain — and a feature of the game was the fine innings of "Tarzan" Ismail who got out when one short of the half-century in trying to knock the cover off the ball!

Right Methods

The captains of the different sides are, to my mind, going about things in the right way.

They do not care for points although the Cat Stout Shield, presented by Messrs. Harry Wicking & Co., goes to the winners every season, but prefer to see that every "budding bowler" or would-be Bradman

is given that amount of encouragement that is required to bring the best out of the youngsters.

As for the older members of the Club — and here I mean the League wallas — they do the right thing by turning up on Sunday mornings as spectators, for there is nothing like a crowd to encourage the young 'uns, be it a cricket match, a football match or a game of marbles!

ARMY BOXING

Middlesex Regiment beat combined Royal Artillery by 24 points to 16 in the Semi-final round of the Area Inter-Unit Novices' Boxing Championship at Shamsuipo last night.

The winners will meet Royal Scots in the Final at Shumshupo Barracks to-night. The first bout will be at 8.30 p.m.

Results:

Bantamweight: —Pte. Anderson (Middlesex), walkover.

Featherweight: —Gnr. Agar (R.A.) beat Pte. Macey.

Lightweight: —Gnr. Bayley (R.A.) beat Pte. Hanshaw.

Middleweight: —Pte. Gratton (Middlesex) beat Gnr. Owens, Gnr. Whittle (R.A.) beat Lt. C. Hill, Pte. Lanagan (Middlesex), walkover.

Welterweight: —Pte. Colman (Middlesex) beat Gnr. Chandler, Pte. Nash (Middlesex), Pte. Toomey (Middlesex), walkover.

Heavyweight: —Gnr. Maher (R.A.), walkover, Gnr. Millard (R.A.) beat Lt. C. Muchenbach, Pte. Hogan (Middlesex) beat Gnr. Baker T.K.O.

Light Heavyweight: —Pte. Cooper beat Gnr. Pridmore.

Heavyweight: —Lt. C. Smith (Middlesex) beat Lt. Bdr. Dooley.

Welterweight: —Pte. Byford (Middlesex) beat Gnr. Campbell.

KOWLOON C.C. CRICKET TEAMS

The following teams have been selected to represent Kowloon Cricket Club over the week-end and during Race week holidays:

Second XI (v C.S.C.C. on Saturday at home, League) — E. Curtis (Capt.), T. A. Madar, R. J. Fenton, K. M. Baxter, G. E. Taylor, W. L. Rapley, H. Brokenshire, L. R. Burch, J. R. Luke, W. W. Parsons and R. T. Broadbridge. Scorer J. W. Bertram; Umpire R. Leigh.

First XI (v Volunteers on Tuesday, home 2 p.m.) — E. C. Fincher, D. J. N. Anderson, E. F. Fincher, D. Hung, A. Zimmerman, F. R. Zimmerman, W. C. Hung, R. T. Broadbridge, R. E. Lee, K. M. Baxter and T. A. Madar. Scorer T. W. Carr; Umpire J. P. Robinson. "A" XI (v R.A.S.C. on Wednesday, home 2 p.m.) — E. Curtis, T. A. Madar, G. E. Taylor, W. L. Rapley, H. Brokenshire, L. R. Burch, W. W. Parsons, R. T. Broadbridge, W. C. Hung, J. W. Bertram and F. Crabb.

SHIELD DRAW

The draw for the Second Round of the Senior and Junior Shield competitions was made at the monthly meeting of the Football Association last night and resulted as follows:—

SENIOR SHIELD

Royal Scots v Navy

Kwong Wah v Eastern

Police v S. China

St. Joseph's v Sing Tao

S. China v Police

Service Corps v R.A. or Signals

Eastern or Navy v International

Sing Tao v 30th R.A.

Dates and grounds will be fixed later.

TUESDAY'S MATCH

Chung Wah v V.R.C.

At Jewish Recreation Club, Chung Wah beat Victoria Recreation Club by 6 games to 1 on Tuesday night.

C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah) beat D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rumjahn 21-10.

beat A. A. Remedios and F. Castro 21-0.

beat A. Basto and M. M. de V. Soares 21-17.

W. C. Choy and W. H. Choy (Chung Wah) beat Xavier and Rumjahn 21-13.

beat Remedios and Castro 21-2.

beat Basto and Soares 21-12.

P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah) beat Xavier and Rumjahn 21-21.

lost to Remedios and Castro 21-10.

beat Basto and Soares 21-20.

Army Service Corps Spoil Sappers Unbeaten Record

ROYAL ENGINEERS, leaders in Second Division of the Football League sustained their first League defeat yesterday when at Sookunpoo they were beaten by three clear goals by Royal Army Service Corps, their nearest rivals, after being led at the interval by two goals.

Service Corps were the more methodical team though they took more time to settle down than the Sappers but once they did, they played well and fully deserved their win.

Service Corps showed better combination in the forward line and all the forwards were dangerous when in possession. Glen, on the right wing, sent in good centres while Morgan and Clarke needed constant attention. Weir was always assisting the defence and kept Martin continually on the move. The latter made some neat runs down the wing but missed several good scoring chances.

Hammond Plays Well

Hammond, at left-half played well and kept the speedy Lee Wai-lam well in check while Young in the pivotal position had Fox well covered. Behind them Murray was

sound in his clearances and Mattison in goal, brought off some good saves in the latter stages of the game.

Engineers were weak in the forward line. Polham worked hard trying to get his forwards going but both wingers appeared timid while Fox was in poor shooting form. Shaw lined up the attack, when he changed places with Chan Yung-king, but most of his hard work was spoiled by the slowness of the other forwards.

The Sappers' intermediate line

worked hard. Birrell never gave up trying while Taylor did his share. In the early stages of the game the halves left too big a gap between themselves and their forwards and in the second period, in an attempt to give them more assistance they allowed the opposing wingers too much scope.

Palmer made a welcome return to the Sappers' team and he gave a really good display at full back. He was the best Sapper-player on view and his good clearances and hard kicking kept the Service Corps forwards from scoring more. Tan Kong-pak was erratic at times.

Service Corps opened the scoring in the first half through Morgan from a partially cleared centre from Glen and a few minutes later the same player again scored.

Sappers attacked from the restart and Fox missed a great opportunity of reducing the lead

when he shot over the bar when well placed. At the other end Martin and Clarke had hard luck with good shots. Service Corps increased the lead through Clarke.

Chung-sing had a hard shot saved by Mattison while Fox again missed from a good position. The game ended with Sappers trying hard to reduce the lead.

ENGINEERS. — Moxham; Palmer, Tsang Chung-pak; Birrell, Shaw, Taylor; Lee Wai-lam, Chan Yung-king, Fox, Polham and Chung Sing.

R.A.S.C. — Mattison; Murray, Bradshaw; Smart, Young, Hammond; Glen, Morgan, Clarke, Weir, Martin.

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
R.E.	19	15	3	1	79	21	33
R.A.S.C.	20	15	2	3	90	29	32
Sing Tao	18	12	3	3	55	23	27
S. China	19	11	5	3	72	21	25
Middlesex	19	11	3	5	59	36	25
R. Scots.	18	9	2	7	44	29	20
R. Navy	18	9	2	7	45	43	20

At the monthly meeting of the Council of the Football Association, it was stated that the Association would be willing to bear the cost of hospital and medical expenses incurred by Lee Ting-sang, who broke his arm while playing on behalf of the Association recently, but were unable to do anything more financially, as this would cause Lee Ting-sang to lose his amateur status.

A letter was received from the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation advising that the Burma Chinese football team would arrive in the Colony on April 10 and asking the Association to allot them dates.

It was decided that permission be given for the games to be played on any date after April 10, except on Saturday, April 12 which was reserved for the Shield Final.

MACAO SURPRISES S. CHINA

By "Sportshawk"

Fielding only four First Division players, South China were defeated by Macao Football Association yesterday at Caroline Hill by the odd goal in seven, after leading at the interval by 2-1.

The visitors played good football in the second half, although they were defeated in the first period.

Macao's narrow victory over the Colony Champions might be attributed to the brilliant keeping during the later stages of the second half of Carvalho, who was, however, shaky earlier in the game.

During the last 10 minutes of the play South China applied great pressure and appeared likely to force a draw, but their heavy raids were all repulsed by Carvalho.

The visiting backs cleared well, while their two inside forwards, Guerreiro and Badarraco, showed good combination.

Apart from their senior players, none of the South China players impressed.

Tse Kam-hung was sound in defence, Lam Tak-po was safe in the pivotal position, while Chow Man-chi and Lee Tak-kee were outstanding in attack.

South China drew first blood about five minutes from the start through Chow Wing-kuen and Chin Chi-fan added a further goal shortly after.

Visitors Equalise

The visitors reduced the lead in the 20th minute of play through Chong Hong-kwong.

Only about three minutes after the resumption, Macao equalised through Guerreiro and, shortly after, took the lead through Badarraco.

Apparently heartened by this lead, Macao played much better soccer thereafter and Ip Po-tou placed the visitors still further ahead with a good ground shot.

The local players applied great pressure and were seen in the visitors' circle for most of the 15 minutes before the end, during which they were only allowed to net once through Chang Wei-cheung.

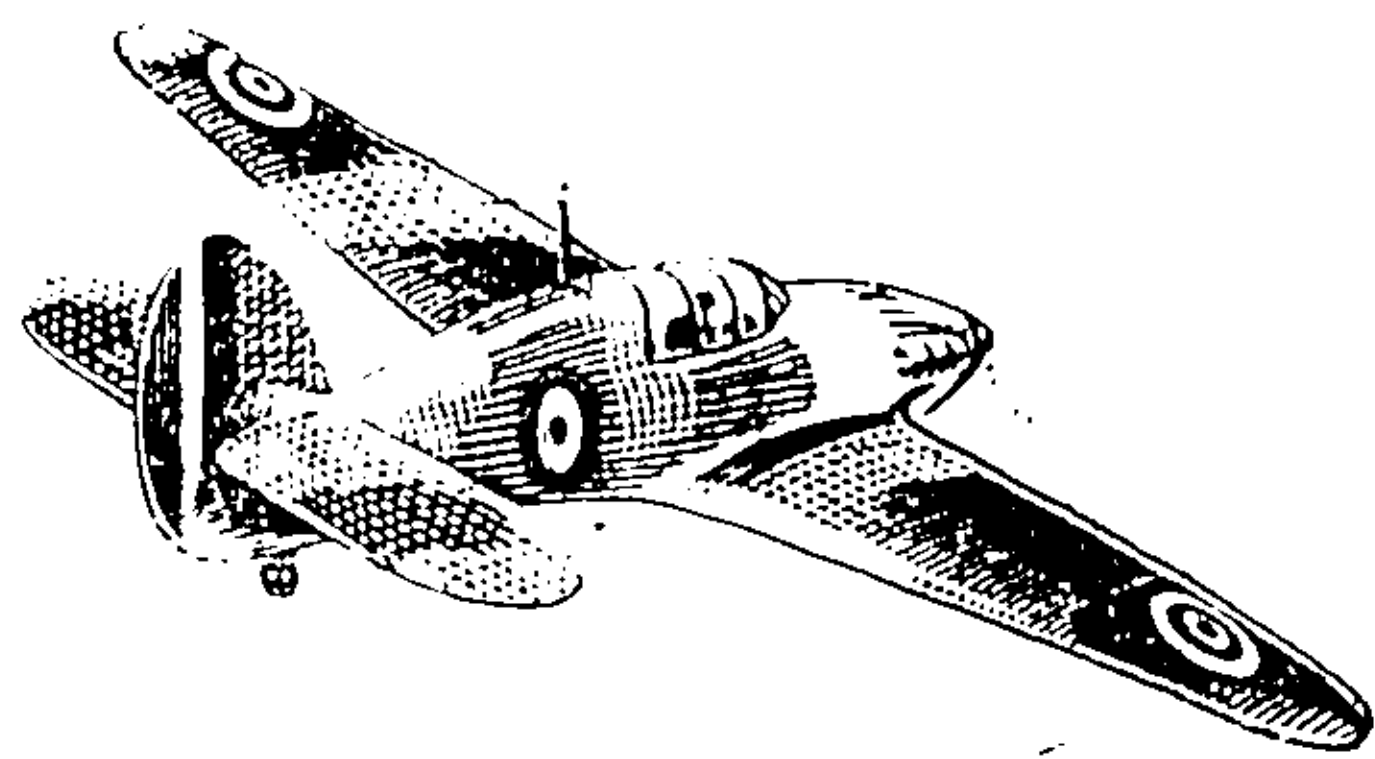
SOUTH CHINA:—Ho Po-pui; Wong Sui-kee and Tse Kam-hung; Chang Wei-cheung (Chow Man-chi second half); Lam Tak-po and Ho Lok-kee; Lai Chung-yin, Chow Wing-kuen (Chang Wei-cheung second half), Lee Tak-kee, Chow Man-chi (Lee Shek-yau second half) and Chin Chi-fan.

MACAO:—Carvalho; Chifu and Cordova; Mendes, Aires and Magalhães; Chong Hong-kwong, Sousa, Guerreiro, Badarraco and Ip Po-tou.

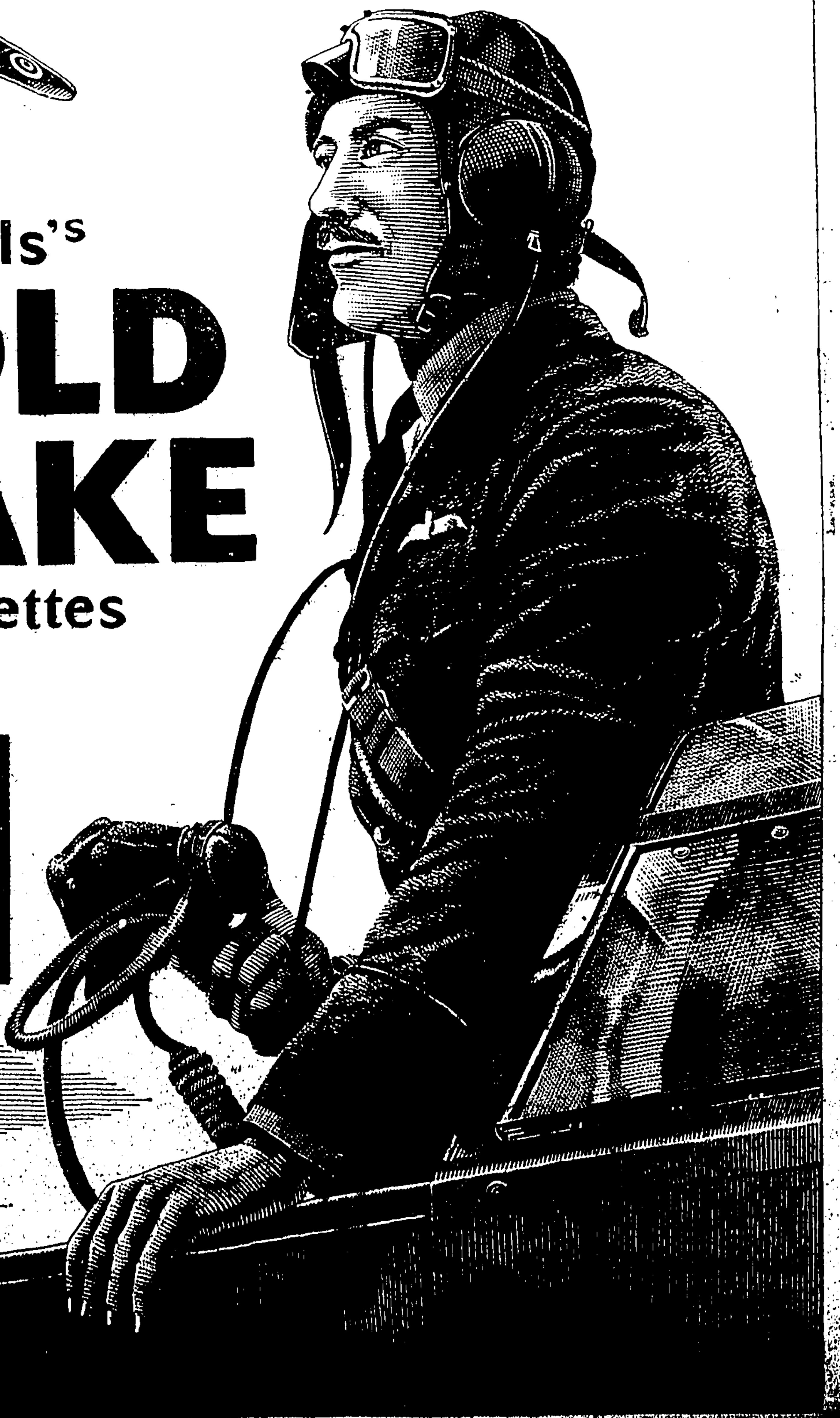
Soccer Postponements

Owing to Volunteer Camps, the First Division Football match between St. Joseph's and Royal Navy, and the Second Division match between Club and Middlesex, both scheduled for Saturday, have been postponed.

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MALAYAN IRON ORE SUPPLY TO JAPAN

A forthcoming question in the Commons by Sir George Broadbridge asks whether Government is aware that the States of Trengannu and Kelantan are sending regular shipments of iron ore to Japan and that in view of the fact that Japan has joined the Axis alliance, will steps be taken to stop this supply. —Reuter.

36 ALERTS IN 6 DAYS

Several raids on Malta were carried out during Tuesday night but no damage was done to Government property and no casualties have occurred.

One enemy aircraft was damaged during the raid on an R.A.F. detachment on Tuesday afternoon.

Malta has had thirty-six alarm signals in the last six days. —Reuter.

Government Not Yet Ready

EFFORTS TO INDUCE THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE A FORMAL STATEMENT OF BRITAIN'S PEACE AIMS WERE RENEWED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Mr. John Martin, Labour member, asked the Government whether consultations on peace aims and reconstruction had taken place with the Government of the United States.

Mr. Churchill replied there was such thorough comprehension in the United States of "what we are fighting for and stand for that I cannot recall any occasion when those questions were mentioned by American representatives whom I had seen or American correspondents.

Statements on British policy will be made on occasions as seem agreeable to public interests.

The matter was again raised on adjournment in the form of a debate which brought another — though short — Government declaration.

Of the four speakers, two argued for a Government declaration, one against it, while the Lord Privy Seal, Mr. Clement Attlee, reiterated there would be a declaration at the right time, but that the Government must be the judge of that right time.

For A New World

"THERE IS A GROWING UNDERSTANDING," SAID MR. ATLEE, "THAT WE ARE FIGHTING FOR A NEW WORLD, NOT ONLY FOR BRITAIN BUT FOR EUROPE AND THE WHOLE CIVILISED WORLD."

"There is also a growing realisation," continued Mr. Attlee, "of the close linking of our political and economic aims. There is a growing appreciation of the importance of linking peace aims for the world outside and peace aims for this country.

But when a statement is made we want a statement that will make for unity at home, unity with the Dominions, unity with the United States and all the civilised peoples in trouble with us.

The right time must be chosen and the right thing said if we are to use this very powerful weapon to end the war and establish peace." —Reuter.

Wide Agreement

Mr. Attlee said: "When you get down to peace aims as I have done, you find you have to think a good deal. Remember too, it is one thing for private individuals to put down their peace aims and another thing for a Government to do so. Don't imagine there is not a very wide and growing agreement in this country as to the things for which we stand." —British Wireless.

NORTH CHINA TRADE RESTRICTIONS

Trade difficulties in North China were again raised in the House of Commons by a member asking the Foreign Secretary whether exports from there are permitted only on payment in Japanese Federated Reserve Bank currency and that imports are not permitted without licence from the bank.

It was asked whether representations have been made to Japan that such control is inconsistent with the Japanese undertaking not to injure foreign interests.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that the facts were known and that repeated representations have been made by the British Government and other governments without a satisfactory answer. —Reuter.

GOERING'S MURDER SQUADS ODD INACTIVITY

An Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security Communique yesterday again recorded "nothing to report during daylight."

Up to a late hour on Tuesday night there was no report of enemy air activity over any part of Britain. —Reuter.

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CONSCRIPTION IN MALTA

Conscription of man-power in Malta both for combatant and non-combatant services is announced for the near future.

These measures have the unanimous support of the Maltese Government, Council and Press. —Reuter.

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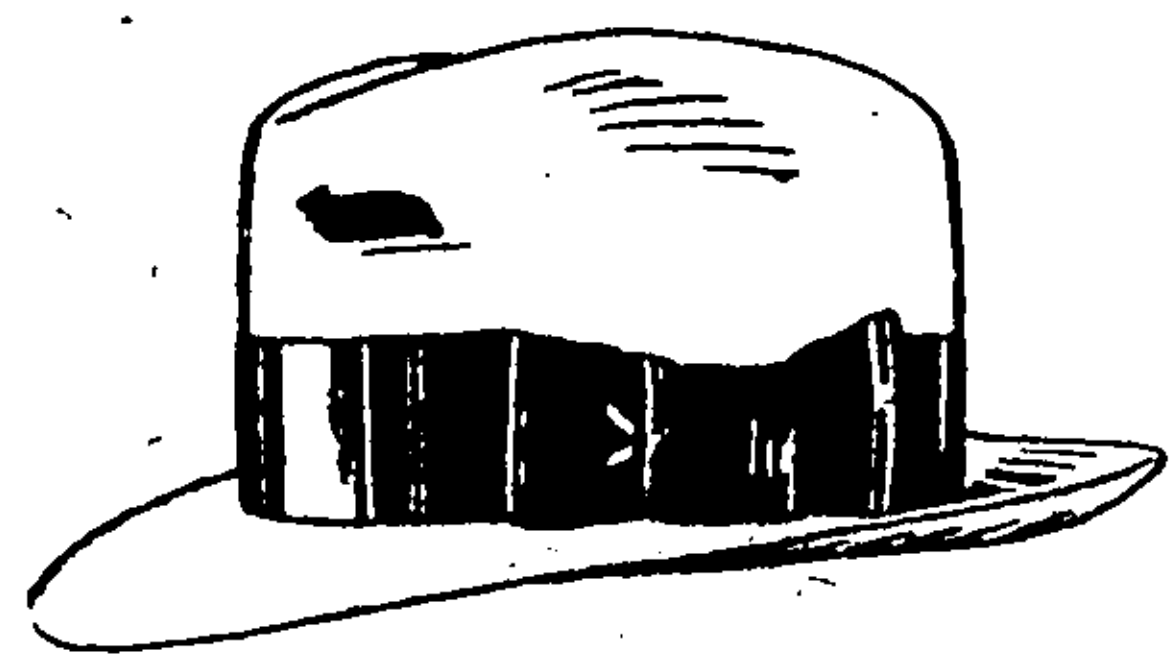


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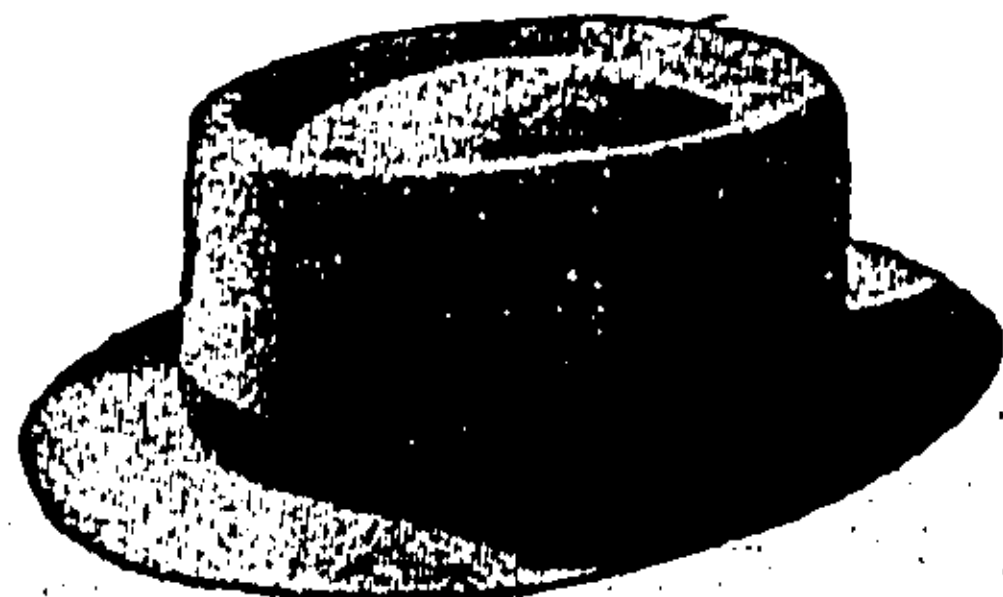


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Vatican Trying To Save Women

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The International News correspondent in Rome learned authoritatively yesterday that a project for the evacuation of white women and children from Abyssinia is now being worked out by the Vatican, for submission to the British Government.

It is understood that the Holy See has already made the preliminary contacts with the United States Government which envisage America acting as the go-between in Anglo-Italian negotiations on the plan. — International News Service.

ROOSEVELT SEEKS ROYAL NAVY GUARANTEE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT is planning to link the Lend-And-Lease Bill with guarantees about the Royal Navy, according to informed circles in Washington.

International News learned that the President may insist that the British Government, in return for aid under the Lend-And-Lease programme, agree to issue sealed orders to the commanders of the vessels of the Royal Navy to steam for American ports if Germany happens to seize control of the British Isles.

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Smashing Victory

IN THE MEANTIME, A POLL TAKEN BY THE INTERNATIONAL NEW SERVICE BUREAU IN WASHINGTON SHOWS THAT THE LEND-AND-LEASE BILL WILL HAVE AN EASY PATH THROUGH THE SENATE.

The poll shows that the Bill will be approved in substantially the form approved by the House of Representatives by between 64 and 70 out of the total of 96 members of the Senate.

Such a result will give President Roosevelt the most smashing victory he has achieved on a major issue since he entered the White House. — International News Service.

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The second condition, however, is that Greece should demobilise her armies and declare herself neutral. There is no suggestion that Italy should demobilise!

Thirdly, Greece must ask Britain to withdraw all her forces, including air, brought up in Greece's support, and to remove herself from her naval and air establishments in the island of Crete.

THE FOURTH PART OF THE GERMAN OFFER, IS A GERMAN GUARANTEE TO GREECE AGAINST ANY FURTHER ATTACK AGAINST HER FROM ITALY.

According to British circles, Greece is ignoring the German proposals on the ground that the Nazi guarantees to Rumania, Hungary, Denmark and other countries have proved completely worthless. — International News Service.

Bulgaria "Tension" War Of Nerves

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") News of the German offer to Greece throws interesting light on the situation in the Balkans generally, in view of the statement by a high Soviet official in London, who disclosed that Germany will not forcefully invade Bulgaria without consulting Soviet Russia.

The important thing, it is stressed in Soviet quarters, is that no such consultations have, so far, occurred. It is therefore the firm opinion in Moscow that Germany's "touring invasion" of Bulgaria, and the similar drum-beating tactics of the Nazis in the Balkans, are aimed at frightening Greece into making a separate peace with Italy. — International News Service.

BERLIN AND RUMANIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") HINTING THAT BERLIN EXPECTS BRITAIN TO MOVE AGAINST RUMANIA FOLLOWING THE DIPLOMATIC BREAK, GERMAN AUTHORITIES STATED YESTERDAY THAT THEY CONSIDERED THE NIGHTLY BLACK-OUT IN BUCHAREST AS "A PRECAUTION AGAINST ANYTHING THE BRITISH MIGHT ATTEMPT." — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

WEATHER FORECAST:—N. and N.E. winds, fresh to strong; cloudy.

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ANGLO-ITALIAN PEACE RUMOURS PERSIST

General Franco And Mussolini Meet In Secrecy

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
DIPLOMATIC EVENTS IN EUROPE ARE MOVING SWIFTLY WITH REPORTS REACHING THE UNITED STATES THAT GENERAL FRANCO HAS ALREADY MET MUSSOLINI.

Close secrecy is being maintained regarding the object of Franco's visit, but rumours are still current that General Franco is being asked to mediate in a British/Italian peace.

Meanwhile, reports from Vichy state that after conferring with Mussolini, General Franco has arrived in the South of France to meet Marshal Petain, and canvas French feeling on the European situation. German reports that it is expected that a meeting between General Franco and Marshal Petain will contribute much to wards improving French and Spanish relations. — International News Service.

Petaim's Midday Reception

It is reported from Vichy that Marshal Petaim arrived at Cagnes-mer, French Riviera, yesterday, in a special train which left Vichy the previous night.

After leaving the station the Marshal went to his estate at Villeneuve-Loubet on the coast road, about nine miles from Nice.

At midday, Marshal Petaim left his estate for Cagnes station where, in a private coach, he received officials and personal friends. — Reuter.

Berlin Waiting

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It is confirmed in Berlin that General Franco has completed his talks with Signor Mussolini and has reached southern France on his return journey.

He will, while in the Riviera, have conversations with Marshal Petaim to canvas Spano-French relations.

German quarters, it is revealed, expect that the conference between Marshal Petaim and General Franco "might do much to clarify various problems."

All indications are that the German Foreign Office is busily engaged at the moment marking time, awaiting developments, particularly in the Balkans. — International News Service.

MALAYA REINFORCEMENT IN THE AIR

Following the despatch of formations of Blenheim bombers to Northern Malaya some days ago, it is officially announced in Singapore that similar formations of modern bombers of the Australian Air Force have also taken up a station in that area. — Reuter.

WEYGAND FIRST TO URGE PEACE

The bitter tone of recrimination against Britain which characterised so many earlier French utterances and writings is absent from a Vichy Government - approved pamphlet telling the inside story of events leading up to the French collapse.

M. Charles Riebel, a member of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Senate, is the author.

M. Riebel reveals that it was Gen. Weygand, successor of Gen. Gamelin as Commander of the French forces, who, as early as June 7, first urged the Government to ask for an armistice. Weygand hoped to save Paris, avoid the evacuation of the Government, and forestall a declaration of war by Italy. On June 12 Weygand again urged an armistice.

Divisions were reduced to two or three battalions and men were dropping from fatigue and lack of sleep. The Cabinet, however, "remained unshakable."

The next day, after the Supreme Council had met and learned that Mr. Churchill was unable to promise more than three divisions and 72 guns, M. Reynaud's Cabinet still refused to accede to Gen. Weygand's demand.

Flight To Africa

M. Riebel says that the Cabinet had two plans. It intended either to flee to Brittany and be ready to leave for the United States, if necessary, or go first to Bordeaux and then to Africa.

The pamphlet says that France rejected the British plea not to surrender her fleet because, on that condition, Germany would never have granted an armistice.

Gen. Gamelin's incompetence is branded as chiefly responsible for defeat. President Lebrun is stated to have said to M. Riebel after the Government's flight to Tours: "Would you believe it? Gamella came to see me only a few days before we left Paris, praised his own strategy, and said that he would have done exactly the same if he were beginning the campaign over again."

Weygand's Plan

An Associated Press message from New York states that, in discussion with a diplomat who had talked to Gen. Weygand, sent to North Africa by the Vichy Government, it was learned that the general had intentionally placed himself in a "trading" position in Algeria.

His object was that, if the German terms, in his opinion, were too dishonourable, he could "win the military forces in Algeria and possibly Syria, too, in a new direction." This would not, however, be a matter of joining Gen. de Gaulle's forces.

KUNMING AIR RAID ALARM

Air-raid alarm sirens sounded through Kunming yesterday morning when two waves of Japanese heavy bombers attacked objectives on the Burma road.

Another formation of 11 Japanese dive-bombers dropped several bombs near Kunming. The all-clear sound was heard at 2.45 p.m. — Reuter.

UNIFORM ORDERS IN INDIA

It is understood in New Delhi that orders have been passed and are already in operation that uniform be worn by all ranks in the army in India at all times except when on leave from stations or engaged in sports. — Reuter.

CHINA LOOKS TO YUNNAN DEFENCES

According to a Chinese despatch from Kunming, a high-ranking Chinese Commander is visiting various strategic points along the Yunnan border and addressing Chinese officers and troops guarding the Indo-China border.

During the past fortnight, the Chinese Commander has visited front-line positions and been observing enemy posts across the border. — Reuter.

SHANGHAI PISTOL INCIDENT

A Chinese youth fired a pistol at a motor car outside Paramount Hotel in Yu Yuen Road in Shanghai yesterday afternoon but missed it. Police of the Japanese-sponsored Shanghai Municipal Government arrived at the scene and arrested him. The motive of the shooting has not been ascertained. — Central News.

POLICE SWOOP ON HAIPHONG ROAD GAMBLING DEN

THREE FOREIGN women, several Indians and 32 Chinese were caught by the police in a gambling den in Haiphong Road yesterday afternoon, it was revealed before Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning when they appeared on a charge of gambling.

The foreign visitors were Mrs. J. Ellis, of No. 238, Nathan Road, Mrs. Almeda, of No. 232, Matauw-el Road, and Mrs. Nine M. Tabias, of No. 40B, Hankow Road.

The establishment was situated on the ground floor of No. 32, Haiphong Road, where they were playing the "Po Tse" game.

The raid was carried out by three parties of detectives of the Water Police Station on three houses in the same street at about noon yesterday.

One party under Det-Sgt. Estall went into No. 32, Haiphong Road and found the game in full swing. Sergeant Estall said the establishment was operated on the moving system and that was why the police simultaneously carried out raids on different houses in the street.

The keeper was fined \$200 while the players were fined \$3 each. Mrs. Tabias and two Indians, who pleaded not guilty, were convicted and fined.

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:

Mr. Mann Cheuk Yat, clerk, of No. 120 Prince Edward Road; to Miss Chan Wai Chun, of the same address.

Mr. So Kwok Hung, wireless operator, of No. 38 Jordan Road; to Miss Sung Ngan Oi, of No. 331 Nathan Road.

MAN ACCUSES HIS CONCUBINE

That his fourth concubine, Lo Chan-wan, absconded yesterday, with money and jewellery to the value of \$3,702, was an allegation made in a report to the Police this morning by Chan Kai-ming, of No. 14, Whitfield Road.

WILLKIE, KNOX CLASH

More American destroyers could be sent to Britain without weakening the defences of the United States.

This statement was made by Mr. Wendell Willkie last night who said he had been so advised by "high authorities."

Mr. Willkie made this statement to the press, following the remark by Colonel Knox earlier in the day that the United States "can spare no more destroyers."

His full statement reads: "I am surprised by the statement of Colonel Knox."

"Information given me by high authorities in the Government after my testimony on Tuesday confirmed my views that we are in a position, without injury to our Navy or national defence, to

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Government Developing Large Scale Programme

(By Reuter's Lobby Correspondent)

SOME GOVERNMENT control of industry in the replanning which must take place at the end of the war is entailed in a proposal now being considered by Government.

The proposal is that half the money collected for excess profits duty shall not be used for meeting war expenditure but shall be placed in a special fund for the purpose of assisting various industries at the end of the war in making the changeover to peace conditions.

The proposal arises from a plan, by industrialists, that the present excess profits duty of 100 per cent will not allow them to make provision for this purpose.

The problem of the demobilisation of the millions of men, now serving in the armed forces, has not been overlooked, and an Expert Committee, now sitting, has the task of examining the question in all its aspects and making recommendations for effective demobilisation of the men with the least possible dislocation.

Agricultural

Other matters, now being examined to enable this industry to remain, include agricultural post-war the largest in the country—to play a full share in national reconstruction.

The question of re-housing and national planning after the war is being examined under the direction of Lord Reith, who it is hoped will make a statement at an early date of proposals for building and planning a better Britain.

These and many other matters are being examined by various departments of the State under the direction of Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Minister without Portfolio, who is specially charged with examining these problems.

Common Agreement

The intention behind them is to reach the largest measure of common agreement on urgent matters that have to be dealt with so that they can be put into force without delay at the end of the war, and form a solid foundation upon which, after discussion and by vote of the people, a new Government will be put into force to carry out the programme of reconstruction which the majority of the country desires. — Reuter.

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much larger classes than they ever did in peace time. Sometimes they number as many as 200 scholars."

DEATH STALKS SHANSI

Hundreds of thousands of people in Shansi province, most of them civilians, are dying in widespread attacks of relapsing fever and typhus, according to Miss Katherine Hall, well-known Shansi missionary, who has arrived in Chungking en route to New Zealand for Sabbatical leave.

People in Shansi are also facing starvation, says Miss Hall, as much land has been left to lay waste since the epidemic began last Spring.

With young Chinese of the Church of Brethren, Miss Hall has visited more than one thousand villages on foot during the past year, having sometimes only two meals of millet daily.

In the see-saw warfare in Eastern Shansi and Northern Honan, Miss Hall reports that Japanese troops have set fire to all villages over a tremendous area, besides killing thousands, as the Japanese are trying to starve out all troops and civilians there, leaving the people to struggle through the winter without houses or clothing. — Reuter.

NEW RAGE IS BLITZ SCHOOL

Within a fortnight of the London County Council's completion of the survey of Metropolitan shelters, at least 40 "blitz classes" are already being held underground while raiders drone overhead.

Five of the larger men's institutes — Fulham, Stepney, Buckingham Gate, Grove Vale and Dempsey Street, Commercial Road — have made plans to hold their sessions in large shelters in their own areas.

In the East End, shelter classes which started during the week will be carried on nearly every evening.

Stay All Night

Would-be students from the suburbs are arranging to travel several times a week into central London, to remain in the shelter overnight and to go direct from there to work in the morning.

Westminster, with its shelter population of 169,000, is already well ahead with plans for extending the shelter night classes. Fifteen are already in session.

The scheme is to be extended as soon as the authorities can introduce such advantages as improved lighting, additional chairs, tables, desks and other "school" equipment.

More Than In Peace

Supervising the Westminster classes is Mr. A. Willis, Principal of the Buckingham Gate L.C.C. Institute.

He told a reporter: "Classes are proving exceptionally popular. Many of our lecturers are taking

GERMAN'S PROPERTY CAPTOR'S

If you capture a German you are entitled to anything in his possession, according to a decision at Chatham Police Court.

Judgments of the King's Bench Division going back to the time of William III were quoted by Mr. Gerald Thesiger to show this.

Mr. E. F. Barrett, clerk to the Court, commented that under Mr. Thesiger's argument if some Home Guard captured tanks, they would be able to keep them.

Mr. Thesiger: Yes, subject to a military law which might apply to the capture of fortresses.

Mr. Thesiger was defending Harry Foulds, a Home Guard, who was accused of stealing a German pistol, a clip of ammunition and a German flying helmet.

The case was dismissed.

A German machine-gunner, who baled out over the Chatham area, came down at Wigmore, it was stated. He was captured, his pistol and ammunition handed to Foulds, and the German himself gave Foulds the helmet.

"Never Was Crown's"

When the police made inquiries about the property, Foulds readily gave it up and gave them every assistance.

Mr. Thesiger quoted judgments of William III and of 1748 on the question of "prize." Mr. Justice Wright held in 1748, he said, that the subject was entitled to whatever he could take from the King's enemies.

Mr. Justice Blackstone, in his volume of comments published in 1794, said Mr. Thesiger, held that any person might seize to his own use property of the enemy, such person not being entitled to the benefit and protection of the law.

Mr. Thesiger submitted that the property was never in fact in the possession of the Crown and therefore could not be stolen from the Crown.

PUNJAB REWARD FOR WAR "DOERS"

The Punjab Government has reserved 15,000 acres in the Nillbar Colony (the Havell Project) to reward pro-war services. It was officially announced in Lahore yesterday, adding that preference in the award of Jagirs would be given to those whose services were outstanding in assisting the war effort. — Reuter.

CAN SPARE NO MORE DESTROYERS

Colonel Frank Knox, the United States Secretary of the Navy, told a press conference yesterday, that the United States Navy, "can spare no more destroyers." — Reuter.

ARMISTICE VIOLATION

THAT VIOLATIONS OF THE ARMISTICE CONVENTION WITH INDO-CHINA ARE ALLEGED BY FRENCH AUTHORITIES IN VICHY WHO STATE THAT THESE VIOLATIONS HAVE OCCURRED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

The violations have been brought to the attention of the Japanese Government who are acting as mediators in the border dispute. — Reuter.

MR. HOPKINS' RETURN DELAYED

A message from New York states that Mr. Harry Hopkins, President Roosevelt's special envoy to England, has been held up on his journey home at Bolama, in Portuguese Guinea, owing to a slight mechanical difficulty in the Clipper on which he was travelling.

He is now expected to reach New York on Saturday morning. — Reuter.

SNOW IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Snow fell in Shanghai yesterday. In some places it was 12 inches deep.—Our Own Correspondent.

NAZIS TAKE A NEW LINE

The German claim that international law does not oblige Germany to supply food to people outside Reich territory exposes the emptiness of the Nazis' earlier boasts that they would guarantee the feeding of everyone on the Continent, states the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

The Ministry denies German disclaimers pointing out that the regulations of the Hague Convention of 1907 provide that "after legal authority has actually passed into the hands of those occupying the country, the latter are under obligation to take all measures possible to maintain public order and safety."

An official of the Ministry yesterday gave further evidence of non-responsibility of the blockade for the food shortage in many parts of German controlled Europe which, he said, was actually due to German depredations.—Reuter.

AFGHAN MISSION TO JAPAN

The Afghanistan Commercial Mission, headed by the Afghan Minister for National Economy, Ghulam Ghous Khan, arrived in Peshawar yesterday.

The Mission has been invited by the Japanese Foreign Trade-Promoting Association through the Japanese Government.

The visit is expected to last between six and seven weeks and will mainly be concerned with a study of Japan's industrial and commercial development and to explore the Japanese market for Afghan products.—Reuter.

TEXT OF BRITAIN'S NOTE TO RUMANIA

REPLYING TO A QUESTION in the Commons, whether he could make any statement of the reasons for the withdrawal of H.M. Minister and his staff from Bucharest, Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary said:—

"Perhaps I may best answer the question by quoting from the text of the Note addressed, on my instructions, by H.M. Minister at Bucharest to the head of the Rumanian Government.

"It is as follows:—It has become abundantly evident that this country's government, which you have directed for six months has become entirely dependent on Germany. Not only the actual facts, but also the numerous statements published by yourself confirm this.

"Some months ago you informed me that a small number of German troops were arriving in Rumania in order to instruct the Rumanian Army in modern methods of warfare and that the necessary equipment was likewise being despatched from Germany for the rearmament of Rumanian troops.

"Some instruction has, no doubt, been imparted but the

essential development is that the German High Command is building up, in Rumania, all the elements of an expeditionary force and is concentrating at various strategic points large supplies of munitions and all fuel.

"Rumanian territory is thus being used by Germany as a military base in furtherance of her plans for prosecuting the war. These measures are being taken without one word of dissent from you.

"In these circumstances, H.M. Government in the United Kingdom have decided to recall me and withdraw the diplomatic mission and consular officers under my control." — British Wireless.

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ACTION COMING IN DODECANESE?: AIR ATTACKS CONTINUE

THE ADDIS ABABA aerodrome was among targets bombed by the Royal Air Force on Tuesday, states a R.A.F. Middle East Communique issued in Cairo yesterday, which says: "Aerodromes on the island of Rhodes were again heavily attacked by our bombers during Monday night."

Attacks were delivered from a low altitude. At Maritza, bombs fell among hangars and administrative buildings. At Calato bombs set fire to three aircraft on the landing ground. Other fires were started and two of our aircraft machine-gunned the target.

"At Katavia, bombs were dropped on runways and amongst aircraft and buildings, causing violent explosions and several fires. This target was also machine-gunned. Enemy batteries and searchlights were active over the targets."

"In Albania, military and other stores were attacked and many direct hits were observed. The military aerodrome at Addis Ababa was among the targets bombed by our aircraft in Abyssinia on Tuesday. A number of bombs were dropped on the aerodrome and direct hits set fire to buildings and hangars."

The Keren-Asmara area was also subjected to a number of raids. Motor transport convoys on the road between the two towns were heavily bombed and also machine-gunned. A stores dump, north-east of Keren, was also attacked.

Italians Shot Down

"Fighters of the South African Unit, which encountered five CR-42's (Italian fighters) off Asmara on Monday, shot down two in flames."

"One of the most intense bombing raids yet carried out by the South African Air Force took place on Monday when a number of bombers dived on military objectives at Afmadu (Italian Somaliland). Several direct hits were observed."

"Eighty-six unserviceable enemy aircraft have been found by our forces on the landing ground at Benina, near Benghazi. These included one HE-101 and one JU-88 (German machines)."

"From all the operations under review, our aircraft returned safely with one exception."—Reuter.

POET ATTACKS GIRL-GAOLED

When Peter Gordon Brown was accused at Nottingham Assizes of criminally assaulting Dorothy Cox, aged eighteen, he told the jury:

"I told Dorothy she was not exactly beautiful, but that her beauty lay in her smile."

The Judge, interposing, said: "Don't go on like that, we understand you paid her compliments." Brown said, "How can I describe her lips without sampling their lovely fruit?" He swore that whatever happened was with the girl's consent.

Brown, a man aged thirty-nine, met the girl at a dance and induced her to go for a walk on the following evening.

After they sat down on the grass he produced a bottle of wine, and having persuaded the girl to drink, he started to recite poetry of his own composition.

The girl refused to allow Brown to kiss her, whereupon he put his hand over her mouth and said, "If you scream I will kill you."

There was a violent struggle, at the end of which he committed the offence.

In a letter he wrote to Miss Cox he said:—

"I lowered myself in your esteem, and when I recalled that diabolical night I attempted to write to you. I felt like a sinner entering the shrine of Allah. I look upon you as a timid, frightened bird. That is my poetic point of view."

Brown was sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

GUAM ISLAND DEFENCES

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS ASKED CONGRESS FOR U.S. \$898,393,000 IN CASH AND CONTRACT AUTHORISATIONS TO EXPEDITE THE SHIP-BUILDING PROGRAMME AND CARRY OUT VAST EXPANSION OF THE UNITED STATES FLEET'S SHORE FACILITIES.

The sum includes U.S.\$4,700,000 to establish fleet operations facilities and bomb-proof shelters on Guam Island in Northern Pacific and U.S.\$5,075,000 for similar purposes in Cuba.—Reuter.

A.A. GUNNERS INCREASE "BAG"

An enemy bomber was destroyed in Eastern Scotland yesterday morning according to an Air Ministry communique which adds that it is now known that two enemy bombers were destroyed on Saturday night and one on Monday night by A.A. fire.—Reuter.

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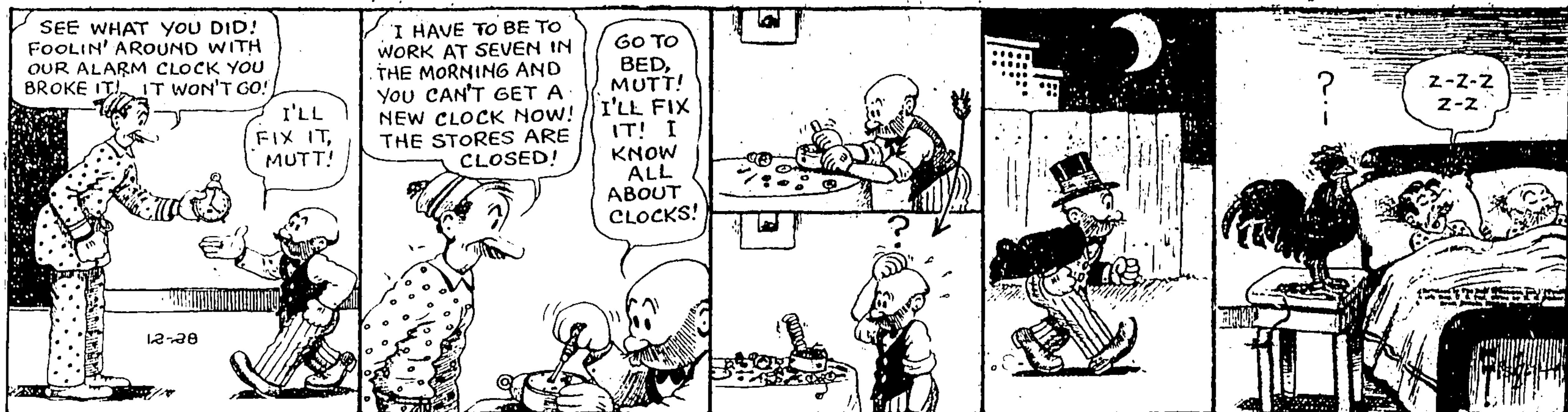
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Woman Alleges She Was Cheated Into False Marriage

POSTMAN GAOLED

A postman, To Yuk, 24, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, for stealing four letters and a postal packet from the General Post Office.

Defendant was alleged to have taken four letters from a basket which was to be taken to the Censors' Office on Tuesday morning. He was caught by an Indian supervisor, when about to open one of the letters inside a lavatory. His residence was searched and a handbag, containing silk underwear, was found. The underwear was alleged to be the contents of a parcel which was posted on Saturday.

Mr. D. C. W. Fitches, Superintendent of Mails, conducted the prosecution.

IN THE SUPREME Court before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams this morning, Miss Lai Kwan-chan, of No. 262, Lockhart Road, sued Li Man-chui, of the Man Kwok Garage, No. 439, Hennessy Road, for \$1,000 damages arising out of a marriage contract.

The writ stated that in February of last year, defendant offered to marry plaintiff representing that he was unmarried and a bachelor, and in reliance on that representation plaintiff entered into a marriage contract with defendant on February 3 and in consequence had relations with him which resulted in her being pregnant.

Defendant was married at all material times. The claim was that because of the "marriage," plaintiff had expended \$405.30 on furniture and clothing, and this item formed part of the claim.

Mr. Williams said that he could not understand what the claim was really for. In her affidavit, plaintiff said she was a spinster, and, in the writ, the word "marriage" was mentioned.

Mr. M. A. da Silva, representing Miss Lai, said the mistake was unfortunate and he asked the Court to amend the word to "contract" or "ceremony" for "marriage."

Mr. Justice Williams said he could not allow the amendment at this stage. Defendant was not legally represented, and it was important that he should know what he was being sued for.

Facts Not Unusual

Mr. da Silva pointed out that the claim was founded not on a contract but on talks. The facts of the case were frequent in the Colony. They are that a man enters into a marriage contract with a girl, that she becomes pregnant and that he subsequently deserts her.

It was one of the anomalies of the law of the Colony that if the marriage had been a proper one, the girl would have the remedy of seeking in the Police Court for separation, and maintenance for herself and child, but if she was unmarried or a concubine, she had no such remedy.

In this case, there was misrepresentation to plaintiff and she could sue for damages on such misrepresentation.

The case was stopped so that an amended writ could be served on defendant.

RUMANIANS TO GO HOME

According to an official of the Rumanian Legation in London, the Rumanian Government has instructed its Charge d'Affaires and the Rumanian Legation staff in London to return to Rumania.—Reuter.

BURGLARY

Wong Chung-hu, of No. 40, Conduit Road, has reported the theft of jewellery, valued at \$85, from his residence, between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m. yesterday.

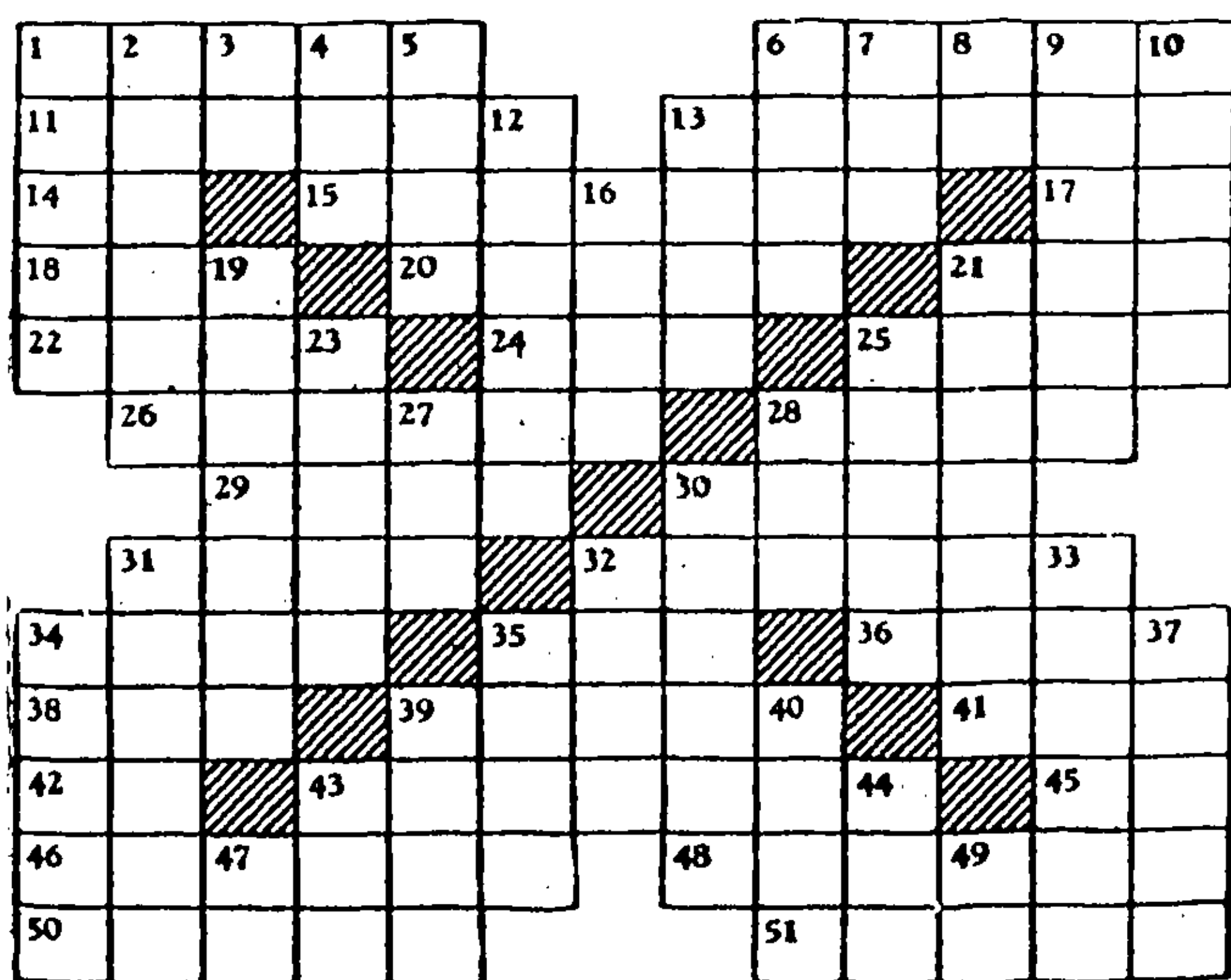
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- 24 Simian
- 25 To follow
- 26 To calm, to soothe
- 28 Amphibian
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- 31 Part of a clarinet
- 32 To pacify
- 34 Length measures
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- 38 To be mistaken

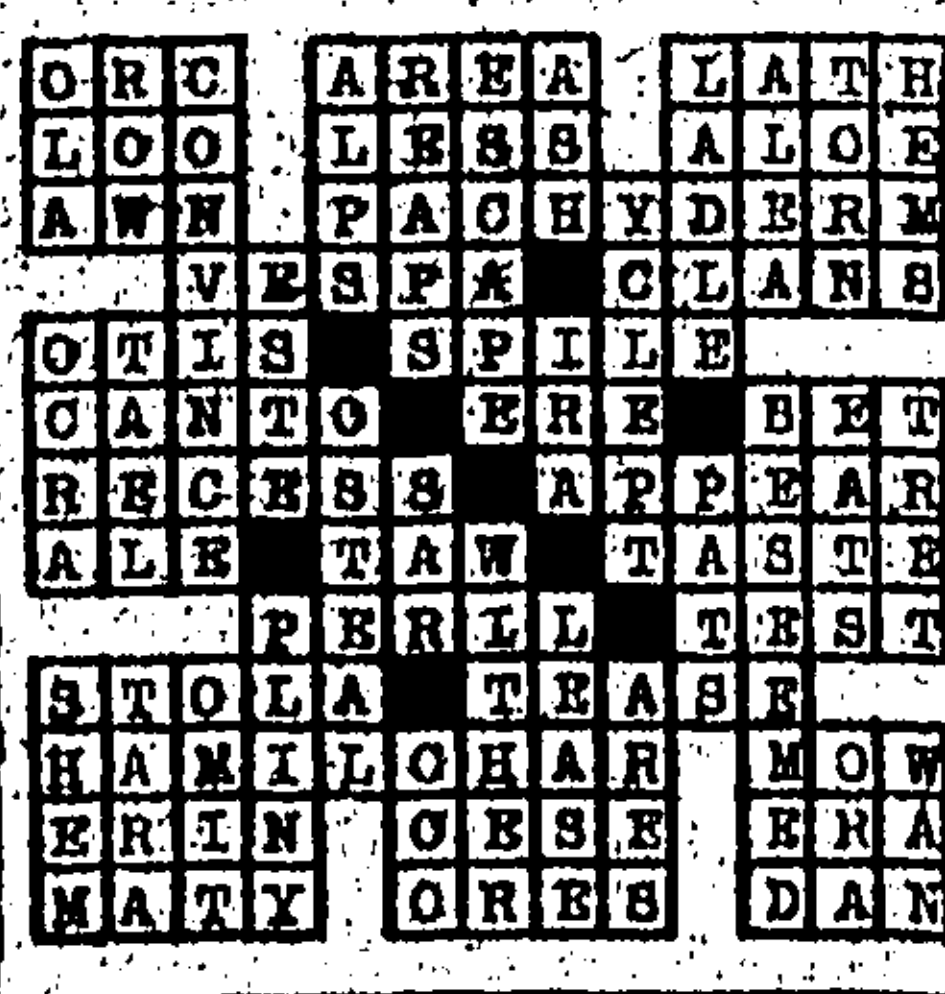
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- 1 Walking
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- 39 Sister of Circe
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- 46 To wait on
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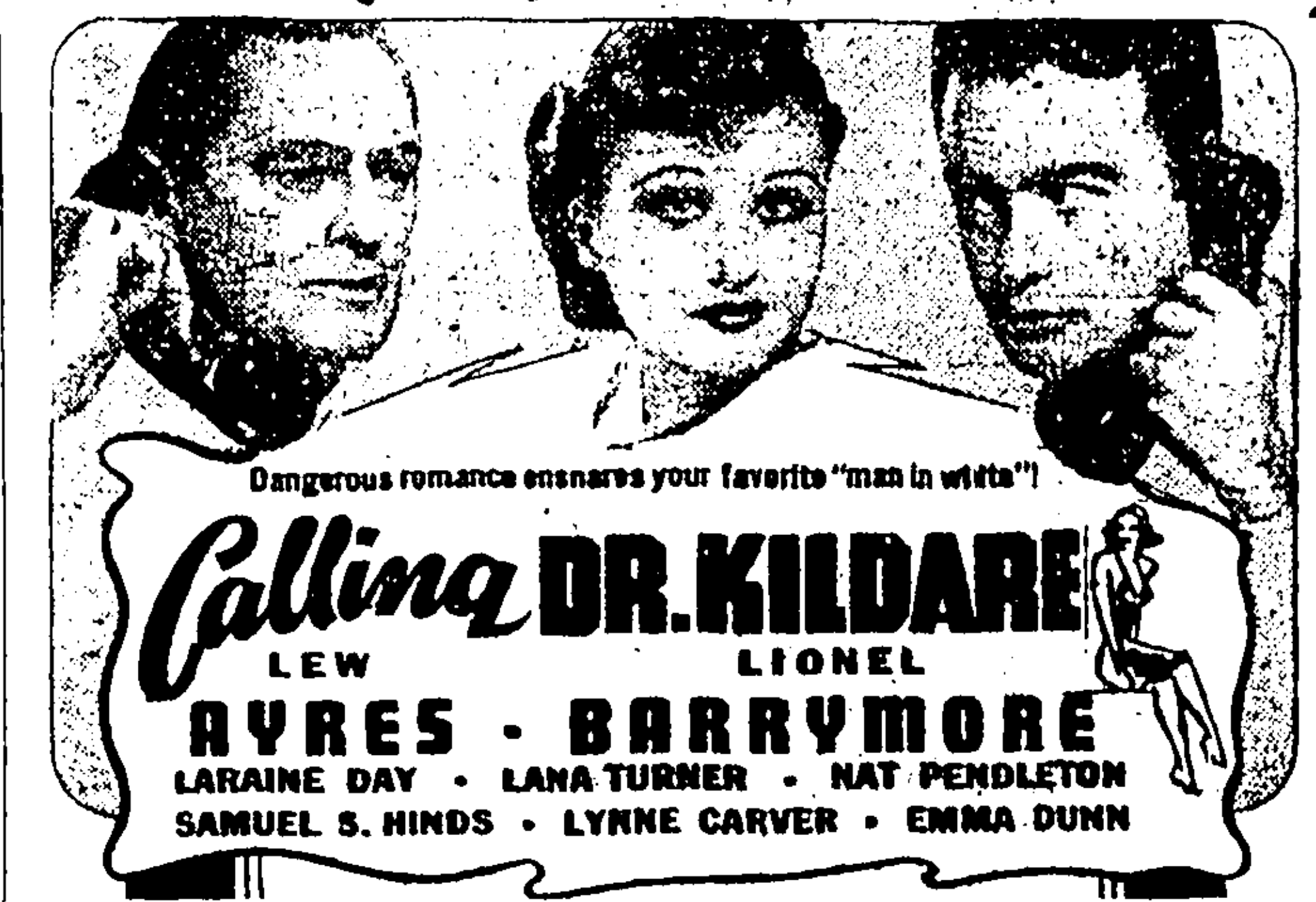
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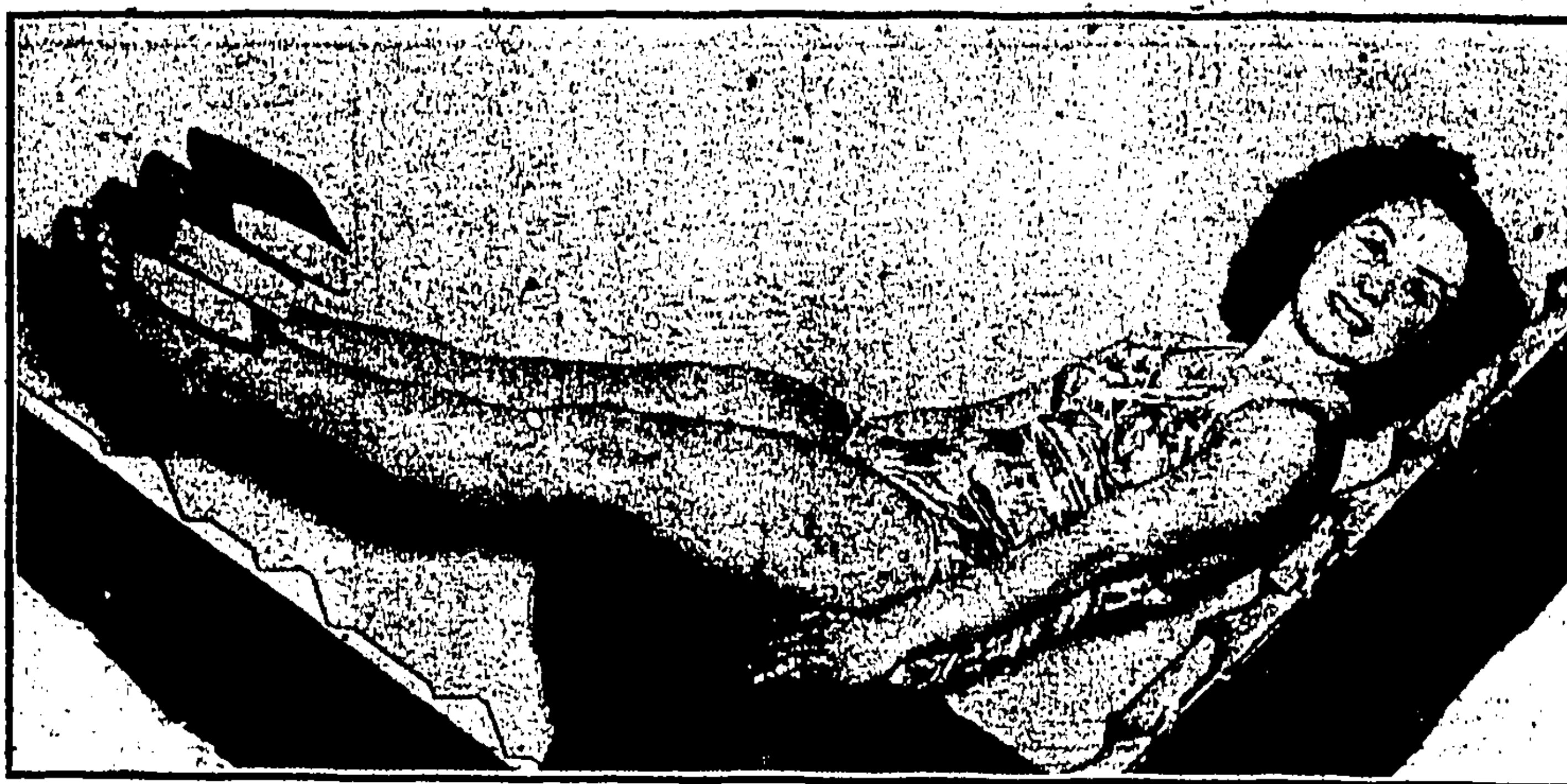
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AID TO BRITAIN BILL MAKES PROGRESS IN SENATE

AN ATTEMPT to check the aid to Britain plan was frustrated yesterday when the Senate Foreign Relations Committee rejected by thirteen votes to ten an amendment to the Lease and Lend Bill requiring President Roosevelt to obtain certification of Army and Navy chiefs before he could turn over existing equipment to any other country.

The House of Representatives had previously written a provision into the Bill requiring "consultation" with Army and Navy chiefs before the President took action.

The Committee is later reported to have approved in principle four amendments made to the Bill by the House of Representatives one of which limits the period of the Bill to June, 1943, the second empowering Congress to suspend it before then by the passage of current resolution requiring merely a vote in the House and in the Senate and not subject to Presidential veto; and the third provid-

ing that nothing in the Act could be construed to authorize naval escort for convoys, while the last requires "consultation" between the President and Army and Navy chiefs before the transfer of existing military equipment could be ordered by the President of the United States.—Reuter.

Pushing It Through

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Administration leaders in Washington yesterday are reported to be renewing efforts in order to get quick passage of the Lease and Lend Bill.—International News Service.

BRITAIN TO GET U.S. PATROL 'PLANES

Ronald Cross, Minister of Shipping, discloses that Britain will get patrol 'planes from the United States for convoying the British merchant fleet.

Addressing the Empire Society, Mr. Cross mentioned the "very valuable acquisition" of fifty American destroyers and added "the long-distance aircraft that we are to receive from the United States will also play an important part in protecting our ships." —Associated Press.

NEW LIFE MOVEMENT ANNIVERSARY

Preparations are being made in Chungking for one week's celebration of the 7th anniversary of the founding of the New Life Movement which falls on February 19.

All executive members of the movement will be entertained at a dinner party on the eve of the anniversary, when Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, founder of the movement, will broadcast a speech to the nation.

On the morning of the anniversary, a celebration meeting will be held.

During the celebration, period contests in stenography, accounting, cooking, sewing, cartooning, drawing, sculpture, first aid and other fields of work will be held, lectures on the New Life Movement will be given by such prominent people as Mr. Wu Chih-hui, and Mr. Chang Chi, members of the Kuomintang Central Supervisory Committee, and Dr. Paul Yu Pin, Vicar Apostolic for Nanking, and an agricultural show will be held.—Central News.

INFLATION TALK EXAGGERATED, INSISTS SIMON

GOVERNMENT ADHERES to the policy of avoiding inflation "by every conceivable means in our power," said the Lord Chancellor, Lord Simon, in the House of Lords yesterday.

He suggested that concern on this point was brought about by exaggerated or ill-founded arguments.

Rising Prices

Lord Balfour of Burleigh, said he was afraid the vicious spiral of inflation was already in operation and that the figure of interests in this matter was the gap between expenditure and revenue which he computed at about £600,000,000.

He strongly supported the Keynes Plan of some kind of deferred pay, particularly in the case of wage earners who were getting substantially larger earnings than before the war.

Lord Simon, replying for Government, said that the word "inflation" was used as though it was associated with the rapidly rising prices.

Prices, he said, may rise in circumstances which do not involve this inflationary influence at all.

Referring to the gap between expenditure and revenue, Lord Simon said it was important to remember the overseas aspect in this matter. — Reuter.

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WAVELL'S TRIUMPH

Benghazi is a name that British schoolchildren of a brighter to-morrow may have to add to the long list of homely and exotic symbols that already make up British history. Even in Italian history-books the Benghazi chapter may not make altogether sad reading. For it may mark for Italy that point at which events began to break the hold of a war-minded dictator over a people famous for their mastery of the arts of peace.

This may sound like an engaging paradox. Actually it is suggested in reports from Rome where newspapers are talking about treachery in connection with the Italian retreat before British arms in Africa. A dictatorship rests on an illusion of unity among its people and its power to impose this unity when necessary. To admit dissent or inability to suppress it before it threatens the military position of the State is to invite an increase in open opposition to the Government.

Benghazi is important especially for its probable effect on the Italian people and soldiers. It follows soon after resignations of important military and naval leaders, consequent upon the rout of Italian armies in Greece and Albania.

Likewise the news of British advances in Africa will strengthen the British home front. It is something to know that while you and some "47,000,000 Churchills"—the phrase is Italian—are holding an island against attack by a militarised nation of 90,000,000, your forces yet can strike out at that nation's ally in far parts of the world and everywhere put him on the run.

Strategically, by British estimates of it, the war in Africa is not of transcendent importance. And the Italians had more to gain by routing British forces than have the British by routing Italian.

Benghazi to-day stands as a job brilliantly carried through to completion.

And the event is more than superficial. It shows that while the fundamen-

The Peace After The Present War

President Roosevelt's proposals for help to Britain, while unprecedented in themselves, are recognised by those who are willing to look ahead as merely introductory to new political issues so vast and ill-defined that few political leaders have ventured to branch the subject.

A handful of political writers are busy speculating on the new problems that must confront Britain and its sister democracy across the Atlantic between now and the close of the struggle against Nazism. Among them is a Geneva group sponsored by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace which, as a preliminary move, has made a searching study of the origins of the present world disorders and publishes the results in a bulletin: "Causes of the Peace Failure 1918-1939."

The Geneva experts are convinced that a state of permanent security will not be possible in the world without general recognition that the social and political order is in a condition of disintegration and that rehabilitation must be not a patchwork but a thorough over-hauling.



Backward Forces Continued

The disintegration, they say, was the cause of, not the result of, the wars that began in 1914 and are still continuing. The same elements that generated the explosion of 1914, "nationalism, machine technique and an economic system of unbridled acquisitiveness" are even more active to-day. The same outdated political system that in 1914 was legislating for a hand-loom and hansom cab age when the world was racing along in cars and planes is still more or less operating to-day. The same inability to allow for the tremendous power of expansion let loose by the machine age operates to-day as in 1914.



Too Universal

The labouring classes feel just as much exploited and discontented. Unemployment is worse.

Politically the great powers and the respective interests ranged the

tal position of Britain at home has been kept virtually intact during months of air and U-boat attack, that position has immensely improved in the Mediterranean. Such a revelation should not be missed by those in control of France's empire, nor, indeed, anywhere in Europe where peoples and leaders are facing the grim choice of surrender or opposition to Nazism.

world for fields to exploit, practically uncontrolled, until available fresh territory no longer existed. Then the explosion came.

Assuming the Geneva verdict to be approximately accurate, the situation is far too universal for any one power to expect that by isolating itself from the conflict it will be able to return to normalcy and business-as-usual as soon as the dust of combat has blown away. The reconstruction work, when it is taken in hand, whether in its social, political or economic aspects, must presumably be worldwide.

The question must soon arise, then: Who is to build, and what material will there be to build with?

At the moment there are only two great powers still standing for the ideals of freedom, justice, international law, sanctity of contracts and a religious basis of national life. There is Great Britain, whose stout resistance to the Nazi onslaughts has proved that a free nation can rise above all the indolence, selfishness and want of conviction that have crippled the initiative of the democracies since Versailles. And there is the United States, which has enjoyed geographical immunity from much of the struggle so far, but which shows no sign of any willingness to give up its way of life at the behest of a foreign dictator.

From these two peoples, therefore, must presumably come the effort to rebuild. As to where to lay the foundations and what to build on them, the outlook is at present bleak.



British Busy

Last July, the late Viscount Halifax, following a similar statement by General Smuts of South Africa, began to enunciate a tentative proposal for a federal union and about the same time Federal Union groups launched a campaign for such a union between the United States and the British Empire.

Since then, however, the British people, driven underground by the savage and indiscriminate bombing by Germans of villages and towns, have been too much concerned in saving themselves from extinction to consider the reconstruction of Europe. Their thoughts have turned to their own national problems, solution of which is perhaps in any case a necessary preliminary to settlement in the world at large.

If, as the Geneva experts suggest, disintegration in Europe has been partly due to the failure of modern political machinery to prevent glaring contradictions in modern society from employers' demands for expansion and workers' discontent over exploitation and unemployment, British labour at least appears by no means inclined to let reform go by default.

In a speech on December 11, Britain's Home Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, a Labour leader entrusted by Mr. Churchill with one of the key posts in the Cabinet, proposed a cooperative international system, guaranteed by an international police air force, and warned that civilised society would be doomed and the world

would stagger into new wars unless the country were put on a new basis. "There must be no monopolies, except those serving the state," he added. "Society must be rid of the twin pests of extreme riches and extreme poverty."



Profit Motive Inadequate

Shortly before, another Labour leader, Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, generally considered to be slated for the Premiership, was quoted as saying in an interview: "England will never again tolerate large numbers of unemployed... the profit motive cannot try to solve the large problem of reconstruction in this country."

These are Leftist views, but they are not merely Leftist idealism. They are voiced by Labour leaders who were called to bear a supremely responsible share in the Government at the greatest crisis in the history of the Empire. Moreover, the ferocious Nazi bombardment has brought to the English people such a sense of unity that neither Rightist nor Leftist is likely to approach the major economic problems in a spirit of selfishness.

While these domestic problems of Britain do not directly affect the economy of the United States and while America's economic problems—which, however, are not essentially different in such matters as wages, conditions of work and unemployment as those of Britain—have not contributed proportionately to Europe's disintegration, nevertheless unity of ideal is bound to play its part in the coming work of reconstruction. Britain's problems must be of serious concern to Americans.



Integration Stressed

British writers at all events are constantly emphasising the need for close integration with the United States. "If," says the London Economist, "the general principle of a community of interest is accepted, we shall have to learn that we must consult the American Government at every stage of our diplomacy. If, in the course of Atlantic collaboration, Britain's freedom to act will have to be curtailed, then the American contribution that can properly be asked for is a similar limitation of her freedom to be inactive... If any permanently closer association of the two nations is achieved, an island people of less than 50,000,000 cannot expect to be senior partner... the centre of gravity and the ultimate decision must increasingly lie in America."

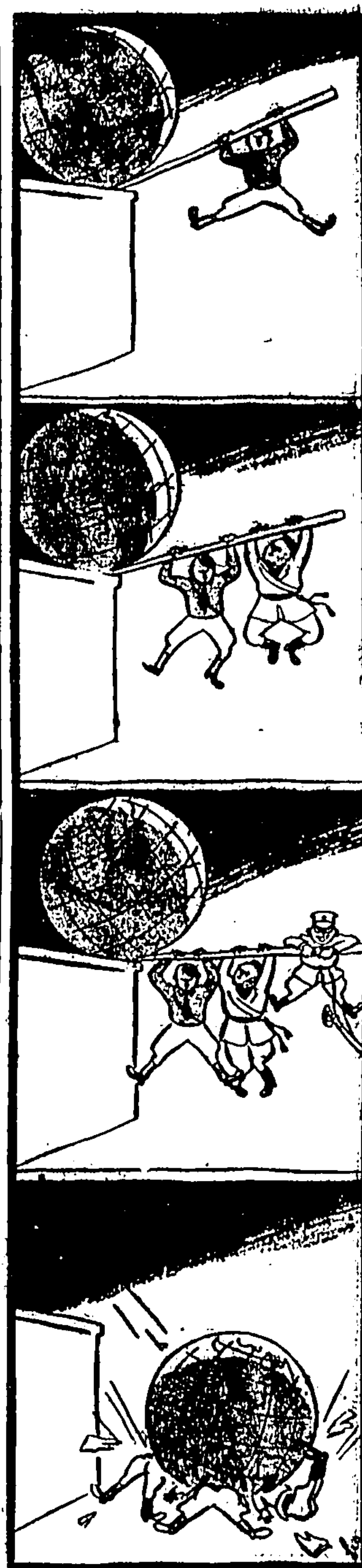
While in all this discussion considerable stress is necessarily laid upon economic difficulties—partly because they are more immediate, while the political arena to-day is in a state of unexampled confusion—nevertheless the Geneva experts insist that the economic aspect must ultimately be subordinate to the political—and the political must be subordinate to the religious.



Religious Unsettlement

Beyond all the economic and political causes of the present disintegration they find religious un-

settlement at the bottom of the trouble. An absence of sound religious conviction in the democracies, they point out, has brought discontent to the masses, who, with their increased educational facilities find no sufficiently religious guidance to fill their vision.



The Fate of the Axis, as seen by a New York P.M. cartoonist.

That is why a mere programme of economic or even political adjustment, will not be sufficient. Integration of society, they add, "will not come about as a result of conscious and deliberate effort." It must come from deeper down in the consciousness of the peoples.

"The deepest sickness of the modern world," they conclude, "lies in its lack of any genuine conviction of truth. There results an oscillation between the cynical denial of all abiding truth and the prostitution of truth for the sake of achieving social and political purposes. It is here that the spiritual weakness of the last 20 years becomes most manifest. No enduring structure can be built upon such foundations. The real issue to be faced, therefore, is not 'What is the most efficient formula to arrive at a new integration of society?' but rather 'What is the truth to be served by men?'"

HITLER SENDING OLD MASTERS VIA SIBERIA

HITLER SEEMS to have relinquished the role of Reich Art Patron-in-Chief and to have gone into art dealing — or the double dealing — business.

He is arranging to sell, in the United States, fourteen old Masters — some of the gems among the smaller paintings from museums in Berlin.

It appears, states the Ministry of Economic Warfare, that these pictures are already on the way via Siberia and the Pacific Ocean.

They consist of three Rembrandts, three Van Eycks and works by Botticelli, Fouquet, Vermeer of Delft, Velasquez, Raphael, Giorgione, Lippi and Domenico Veneziano.

Very few pictures by Fouquet and Giorgione are in existence, while the sale of three Van Eycks will leave only one important picture by either of the Van Eycks in Berlin.

It may be that Hitler intends to replenish the collections of the schools concerned from the galleries of Holland, Belgium and France.

The picture by Lippi is of "The Nativity," which is accepted as having been painted as an altar piece in the Medici Chapel in Florence. The Italians are left with a copy.

Sorely In Need

The transaction has doubtless been occasioned by Hitler's quest for foreign exchange of which the herrenvolk stand sorely in need.

Since December, 1939, the British blockade has stopped Germany's exports, but judging from the fact that the present market value of Hitler's fourteen pictures bears no relation to the catalogue value estimated at £2,000,000 it may be found that Americans will not be so ready to purchase in view of the fact that the release of dollars would make available a large sum of money for the use of Nazi propaganda, espionage and sabotage in America.

In his hunt for foreign exchange (though not of fire), Hitler is prepared to part with Germany's Italian treasures, regardless of the sentiments of his Axis partner.

It may be within the bounds of possibility, however, that Mussolini would not be heartbroken at the interception by the British of the paintings which are of the essence of Italian genius. — British Wireless.

CONSCRIPTION IN MALTA

Conscription of man-power in Malta both for combatant and non-combatant services is announced for the near future.

These measures have the unanimous support of the Maltese Government, Council and Press. — Reuter.

GOERING'S MURDER SQUADS ODD INACTIVITY

An Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security Communique yesterday again recorded "nothing to report" during daylight.

Up to a late hour on Tuesday night there was no report of enemy air activity over any part of Britain. — Reuter.

L.C.'S COOLIES SENTENCED

A method used by employees of Lane, Crawford's to "smuggle" goods out of the grocery department was disclosed before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Three accused, who were responsible for deliveries, placed additional groceries (not ordered by customers) among packets to be delivered, and once outside the company's premises, converted the goods to their own use.

The accused were Ng Fuk, 22, coolie, Tsang Wai-lam, 22, salesman, and Ng Wan-fai, 28, coolie.

Third accused was detained when he was about to leave to deliver a packet to the University. Inside this packet were found three extra bottles of Bovril. All the packets destined for the University were stopped, and inside were five tins of boot polish and two tins of Ovaltine, which were not included in the orders from the University.

The other two accused admitted that they intended to remove the additional articles after they had left.

First and third accused were each fined \$50, or six weeks' hard labour, while the salesman was fined \$100, or two months.

Mr. W. A. Mackinlay appeared for Lane Crawford's, and Sub-Inspector Fowlie for the Police.

CHUNGKING VERSION DENIED

A Japanese Naval spokesman in a statement yesterday contradicted the Chungking claims that the bodies of Admiral Osumi and others who were victims of a 'plane "accident" on February 5 near Canton, were buried by the Chinese.

The spokesman declared that Japanese bluejackets effected a landing on the southern foot of Mount Hwangyang to the south of Canton, on February 7 and reached the wreckage and recovered the bodies of the victims which were later taken aboard a Japanese naval vessel.

The Japanese Naval spokesman's statement categorically denies that Admiral Osumi was proceeding to the South Seas as the Commander-in-Chief of the combined Japanese Fleet in the South Seas and also states that the plane was not shot down by ground fire but crashed into Mount Hwangyang. — Reuter.

THEFT IN CELL

For stealing an overcoat from a prisoner at the Central Police Station yesterday, Ng Wong, 22, was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy this morning. He had been detained in the same cell and took the coat when he was leaving.

GIRL RULE AN' INSULT TO TROOPS'

SHEFFIELD'S GRANDMOTHERLY ruling that soldiers who want to take a girl to the pictures must first get the permission of an officer, has been described as an insult to the Forces.

Yet the City Council, despite all protests, confirmed its Watch Committee's rules.

Only one cinema is to be allowed to open on Sunday, and, even if a soldier gets his officer's consent, the girl he takes must not be under sixteen.

Alderman F. Threves, chairman of the Watch Committee, said their only desire was to assist the military authorities.

Councillor Mrs. Ada Moore said she had been asked by the W.V.S. and the W.A.T.S. why girls in these Services could not take civilian boy friends.

Alderman Wormsley said the ruling would imply that on joining the Army young men left their homes in a state of innocence and fell into depths of moral de-

gradation immediately. That was not the case—there was nothing to fear. It was wrong that these young men should have to go to a commanding officer or an N.C.O. for "a ticket; if you please," to take their girl friends to the pictures.

Soldiers with daughters under sixteen would be debarred from attending.

Councillor Keeble-Hawson said: "This clause is an insult to the soldiers. I hope at the earliest moment it will be removed."

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WASHINGTON SURPRISED

While terms of the armistice between Indo-China and Thailand are still not officially disclosed, reports from the Far East that Japan has used the occasion to get more out of it than anyone else surprise none in Washington, indeed it had been fully expected.

The general view of the situation is that Japan has secured through the fiction of mediation what she might otherwise have had to fight for.

CHUNG HWA BOOK CO. FIRE

Over 1,000 employees, including some 400 women, of the Chung Hwa Book Company's workshop at Matsuwei, Kowloon City, were in danger of being trapped in a fire which broke out this morning.

The fire was detected at about 11.30 a.m. when a watchman, patrolling in an alleyway adjoining the building in which most of the employees were working, noticed smoke leaping from the roof of the store room.

The management immediately notified the fire station and the police.

Two fire appliances, in the charge of Mr. Brand, arrived on the scene and the outbreak was brought under control before it could spread to the adjoining buildings.

Meanwhile, the police, including Inspector Baker, Detective Sergeants Downman and Haynes, arrived and assisted employees in making their escape from the factory.

The store room was full of waste paper.

JUNKMASTER ACCUSED

Pleading not guilty to stealing by larceny through his solicitor, Mr. A. el Arculi, Cheung Kwai-tai, 42, master of trading junk, No. T3473H, was remanded by Mr. E. Hunsworth at Kowloon this morning.

Accused was charged with stealing 1,080 bean cakes, 10 bags of fertiliser, two cases of miscellaneous goods, 43 cases of cigarettes, two cases of native cloth and two wooden masts, the property of the Yuen Yee Transportation Company, between January 19 and 23.

Det.-Sgt. Bethell said that Mr. M. A. da Silva would appear for the prosecution and that further charges might possibly be preferred against accused.

CHINA'S FINANCES

China's total domestic indebtedness since the commencement of the present war amounts to NC\$1,778,000,000, or less than \$20 per capita of the population, according to figures published in a financial review released in Shanghai, which states that the amount of China's domestic loans outstanding on the eve of the war was NC\$4,300,000,000.

The total amount of domestic loans by the Chinese Government since war started is given as NC\$3,400,000,000, Customs Gold Units 100,000,000, £20,000,000 and U.S. \$100,000,000. — Reuter.

CHINESE POLICE OFFICER ACCUSED

A Chinese constable, (No. PCC588), of Wanchai Police Station, Wai Sai-ying, 28, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon,

It is believed in informed quarters here that Japan's new technique is too closely allied to Axis procedure to allow of Berlin's influence being dissociated from what recently occurred in the Indo-China peninsula, for the pattern of events there follows too closely the Nazi pattern to avoid such suspicion.

The idea is believed to be plain to put Japan in a striking position against both Singapore and Rangoon as well as to be handily placed for adventures toward the Netherlands East Indies if developments favour such a move. While it is not expected that Japan will be in a position to issue any threats of that nature for some time it is recognised that she has taken a further step in that "strong determination" to push Japanese expansion southward of which Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, Foreign Minister, recently spoke.

"Typhoon Weather"

The "Washington Star" uses the term "typhoon weather" to describe the political situation created by Japan's further encroachment on Indo-China's sovereignty. In the midst of such weather the news of the Netherlands East Indies' refusal to be incorporated in Japan's new order is distinctly cheering here.

The New York "Herald-Tribune" refers to the spirited reply to Mr. Matsuoka's suggestion of "intimate, inseparable relation" with Japan and adds, "After the success the Japanese have had in bullying their way into Indo-China this will be disconcerting to Tokyo. All practically minded Army and Navy men there who have been whipping up each other's courage for a raid into the South Seas and whetting each other's appetite for easy loot will be wondering if there is not some reason they have overlooked why looting is not going to be so easy."

The paper suggests they will jump at the conclusion that the Netherlands East Indies' reply would not be issued without British encouragement and this may lead them to guess there will be some secret pledge of naval aid from the United States.

Useful Diversion

The "Herald-Tribune" says the Germans are probably delighted to believe this because their only use for Japan is to have her create a diversion of American attention from Europe, but the Japanese are hardly delighted because their only use for Germany is to keep the British Navy busy while they exploit their opportunities, and they would much rather see American vessels in the Atlantic sinking German submarines than nosing into the western Pacific to give Japan's prospective victims courage to resist the forces of occupation, whose efficiency, the Chinese already have discredited.

While the paper doubts the Netherlands East Indies had any assurance of American support, it adds that they have done well because "nothing is to be won from Japan by meek submission. Like that of Indo-China and the most likely way to get United States action that would embarrass a Japanese raid on the Indies is to stand up for themselves and fight if they must." — Reuter.

K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, with misconduct.

It was alleged that defendant left his beat without permission. He was found in a gambling house at No. 19, Sampan Street.

The case was adjourned until to-morrow. Defendant was released on bail of \$50.

Inspector Portallion is in charge of the case.

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The train service between Sofia and Bucharest has been stopped since the wreckage of a Rumanian oil train.

A tense situation exists in both capitals on account of this latest development.

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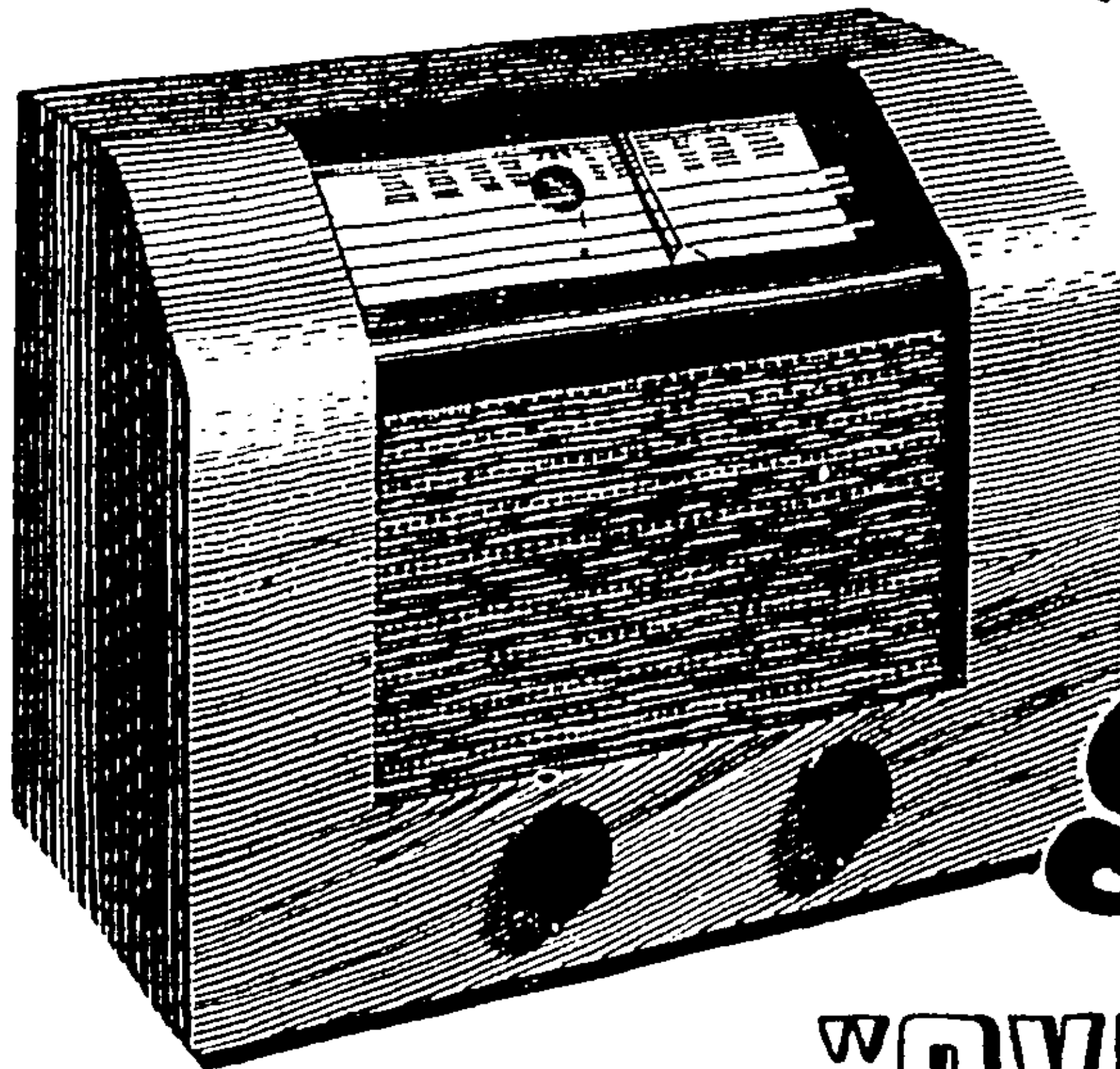
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ADEQUATE SHELTER DESIGN

Some clarification of ideas in the fog of argument about shelters is to be gained from a study of the Government's own recommendations.

It has published a number of hand-books on air-raid precautions, one of which, No. 5 A, deals with the design and construction of bomb-resisting shelters, writes the scientific correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian." It will be noted that the title has been carefully chosen, for "bomb-resisting" has not quite the same meaning as "bomb-proof." But the designs in Handbook 5 A include those of shelters which are considered to give adequate protection against a direct hit by a 500lb. bomb travelling at maximum speed—that is, about 1,000 feet per second after falling from an aeroplane at 15,000 feet. In popular language such a shelter would be described as "bomb-proof" because it would keep out all ordinary bombs for the number of bombs of more than 500-lb. weight that are dropped is relatively small and the chance of being hit by one is extremely small. Certainly the majority of persons would feel virtually safe in such a shelter.

What, then, does Handbook 5 A recommend? It gives designs for circular and rectangular shelters for 200 persons and a rectangular shelter for 1,200 persons.

It is stated that the roofs of such shelters should consist of concrete five feet thick, internally reinforced with steel bars. This will keep out 500lb. bombs with medium-weight metal cases and still heavier bombs with lighter cases. To keep out 500lb. bombs with heavy metal cases reinforced-concrete roofs seven feet six inches thick are required. But the five-foot will be generally adequate. The rectangular shelter for 200 persons consists essentially of a single block of reinforced concrete with hollows inside for accommodating people.

Part Above, Part Below Ground

It is rather surprising to learn that galleries below ground need walls twice as thick as those above ground. This is due to the confinement of the explosion when it occurs below ground. If a bomb explodes beside a wall above ground, the explosion away from the wall will be into the air and will be virtually unresisted. But if it explodes beside a wall below ground the explosion away from the wall will be resisted by the earth. This will make the effect of the explosion against the wall much more violent. When the explosion cannot move freely in any direction it is described as tamped, and its local violence is increased.

The success of the Anderson shelter is due especially to its good behaviour against earth movements. It is a flexible structure, and in many instances has been shifted one foot by a near explosion without the occupants being hurt.

A concrete or brick underground shelter which will resist such a big earth movement must be made much more strongly, because it is more rigid and less flexible and is unable to "give." One remedy for this drawback is to arrange that underground concrete or brick shelters should be surrounded by an air space one or two feet wide, so that the earth movement due to local explosions will not act directly on the wall but will expend itself in flinging earth into the cavity.

But to return to the bomb-resisting shelter, its underground walls should be 6ft. 6in. thick and the floor should be 5ft. thick. This is to keep out bombs that have penetrated the ground sideways and burrowed under the floor of the shelter.

It is possible to make a rough estimate of how much material would be needed to make such shelters for a substantial fraction of the population in the most important and dangerous places, say for 5,000,000 persons. For this, some 550,000,000 cubic feet of concrete, 4,075,000 tons of cement, and 625,000 tons of steel would be needed. These quantities are not extraordinary. The annual output of the British cement in-

BRIDGE NOTES

A DEEP FINESSE By The Four Aces

"About a month ago you wrote about the excellent bidding of this hand," writes a reader. "All you said about the play was: 'The contract was far from a laydown, but South's careful play earned twelve tricks without excessive difficulty.' I'm sorry to say that my difficulty in seeing the correct play is excessive. I always run up against two diamond losers. Don't you?"

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable
♠ Q 9 8 4 3
♥ A
♦ A 3 2
♣ A 7 6 2
♠ 7 2
♥ K Q J 6 3
♦ K 8 5
♣ Q 10 5
N
W
E
S
♠ A K J 10 5
♥ 9 5
♦ A Q 9 6
♣ K J

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1♠ 2♥
3♥ Pass 4♦ Pass
4♠ Pass 6♣ Pass

West's normal lead is the King of hearts, and dummy wins with the Ace. South next draws one round of trumps, and then switches to clubs. The club King and Ace are followed by a club ruff, and dummy is entered with the postponed second round of trumps for another club ruff. Dummy regains the lead with a heart ruff and a diamond is returned from the dummy.

At this point the stage is set for the key play of the hand. Instead of finessing the Queen of diamonds, South finesesses the nine. As it happens, that forces out the King, and the rest is easy. But even if West had been able to win the trick with the ten or Jack of diamonds, South would still make his contract. West would either have to return a diamond up to South's Ace-Queen or lead a heart and allow dummy to discard a diamond while South ruffed. Note also that it does East no good to put up the ten of diamonds on the first round of that suit. That allows South to play the Queen and retain the A-9 as a tenace over East's 10-7.

The play is a rather neat one and is based on the fact that there is less risk in cashing the high clubs with a trump still out than in banking everything on the diamond finesse.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ J 3
♥ K J 5
♦ K Q 4 2
♣ Q J 7 3

The bidding:
Schenker You Moler Jacoby
Pass Pass Pass 1♠
Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid two no-trump. Since your partner is fourth-hand his bid must be sound, and you can safely show your "maximum pass."

Score 100% for two no-trump; 70% for two diamonds; 60% for two clubs; 20% for three no-trump; 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 638

To-day you hold the same hand but the bidding is:

You Moler Jacoby Schenker
Pass Pass 1♠ Pass
(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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dustry is about 7,000,000 tons, and there seems to be no good reason why its production should not have been expanded by 60 per cent for such an important object.

ALL OIL SEIZED IN RUMANIA

GENERAL ANTONESCU, Germany's puppet dictator of Rumania, recently seized the whole of the Rumanian oil industry, in which hundreds of thousands of pounds of British capital are invested.

He issued a decree expropriating all pipelines, pumping stations and reservoirs, and the land on which they stand.

The Rumanian Government will in future have the exclusive right to operate existing pipelines and build new ones, and the decree added:

"Pipelines which are not registered with the authorities by their present owners within a fortnight will be taken over without compensation."

Another decree ordered the seizure of all Danube barges, tugs, tankers and sea-going ships owned or used by companies with Jewish stockholders.

This decree enabled Antonescu to seize all British and American oil companies' properties he wished, since these companies undoubtedly have Jewish shareholders.

In view of Germany's need for oil, Britain can find some satisfaction in the official announcement in Bucharest not so long ago that since the summer the daily oil production has fallen from 1,700 tankards to 1,400 tankards.

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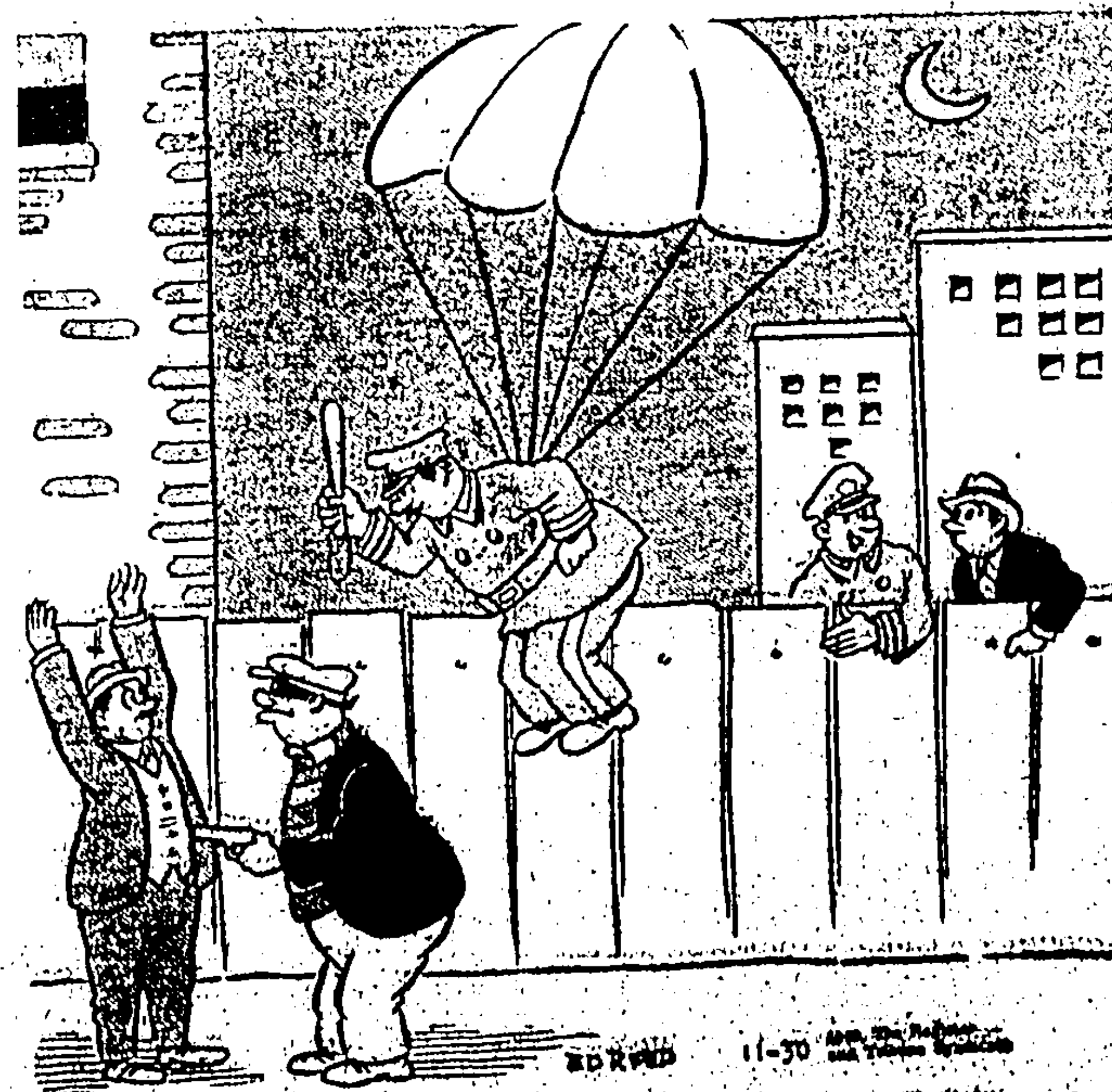
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Home Dry Skin Facial

As the throat is the vulnerable spot where telltale marks of age first appear, every woman should take certain precautions to keep it looking youthful and unlined. Both exercise of neck and specific massage with rich creams are essential to throat beauty, and no week should pass without the throat getting at least two special treatments when the face gets facials!

Many women are prone to neglect throat care, but no reliable beauty salon would think of giving you a facial which did not include creaming, massaging and firming the throat. So home facials should follow their routine.

Dry Skin Chief Problem

Ladies who have dry skin must work the harder to prevent their throat and face from aging quickly. Rich lubricants, religiously applied, are necessary. Have on your dressing table a jar of extra rich cream for throat massage, a mild astringent, some cotton pads, a cleansing cream, a night lubricant for face skin and the most perfect foundation cream or lotion you can buy. All these seem needed during months of extreme weather—when it is very cold or very hot. During the warm part of spring and autumn, dry skin seems to get along nicely without nightly lubricating. During that period weekly massage seems to suffice, so those of you who live in a moderate climate may take you cue for skin care from that.

Facial At Home

I like to advocate that a woman have one professional facial in a responsible salon to learn how a thorough skin treatment is given. It isn't always necessary to come from the salon laden with one of everything which was used in the professional treatment, but it is advisable to buy the essentials of skin care from one line of cosmetics and give those a chance to do their job. Mixing brands of creams can be harmful to dry, sensitive skins—such as using a cleansing cream of one line and a lubricant of another. One may mix brands of make-up with little worry.

Once you know the steps of a throat and face treatment you can take an hour and go through the routine at home, or you may teach another to give you the facial. Somehow the utter, divine relaxation which is possible during a professional facial seems to me to



In downy comfort one relaxes for a throat and face treatment by nimble fingers while one is instructed in corrective massage and told which aids are essential to keep dry skin dewey fresh!

be as valuable to one's beauty as the aids which are put on and taken off the skin! Fortunate is the woman who can afford weekly, or twice weekly, professional facials!

Massaging One's Throat

Always massage your throat upward and outward to prevent drooping lines and to smooth the skin. Use the cushions of fingers and press gently but firmly so as

not to break down the delicate neck tissues but do make certain that the skin is adequately greased and the muscles adequately stimulated. Remember too that your throat should be well cleansed with both cream and a soaping before any lubricant is massaged onto it.

After a facial, the foundation cream or lotion should be spread over both face and throat, and then one's powder applied.

such as pure castile shaved and melted or a castile liquid soap produced by a reliable firm. Be sure to rinse the hair very well after each of the two soapings.

The use of stronger soaps, hot drying appliances, hot curling irons, bleaches or tints should definitely be avoided while you are reconditioning your tired scalp. Also try to avoid tight hats, as they thwart the blood circulation which is very necessary to healthy hair.

And by all means do not have a permanent wave until your hair is stronger. If you want a little fluff wind strands of your hair around clean strips of strong rags as women did before machine waves were invented. Dampen the hair slightly first with cologne or water and cologne mixed and sit in the sunshine until it is dry. Then brush out the curls and dress your hair softly. You can get a truly flattering hair-do in this manner.

If a "tired scalp" is taken in time and persistence used in the above treatment, the hair can be made to grow stronger and better. Once you have recuperated enough, exercise your body for ten, fifteen or twenty minutes each day, to help matters along and give you more pep!

ishment, and those foods which contain iodine are the most helpful. These include powdered sea greens, oysters, clams, lobsters, cod liver oil, pineapple, artichokes, garlic and sorrel.

Iodine Cocktail

If your physician approves, you might take the following iodine cocktail daily for one or two months. You will be surprised at the new life which will appear in your hair:

Mix a half teaspoonful of finely powdered sea greens and an egg yolk with a fork. Then beat this mixture into a cup of orange juice.

About Shampooing

Do not shampoo more often than once every two weeks and if you live where it is not very dusty, you may allow three weeks to elapse between shampoos.

Use only the mildest of soaps

Reconditioning

Many women experience a falling hair problem after an illness. This condition is commonly known as a "tired scalp," and is caused by extreme cases of nervousness and any disease which creates a fever even for a short time. In fact the very prevalent influenza sadly weakens the hair roots. If the hairs are dead because of an illness the sooner you brush them free from the scalp the better for new hair is pushing the old out.

What is most needed is to watch the growth of, and care for the new baby hairs which appear so they will not die of malnutrition. Massaging of the scalp should be firm yet gentle and a good tonic with hair growing properties should be used. At first only a little brushing with a soft bristled brush is the rule, as the daily massage is sufficient to stimulate the scalp.

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RADIO

12.30 p.m.—Derek Oldham (Tenor) and the London Palladium Orchestra.
1.03 p.m.—Arthur Askey in Variety.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Les Allen (Baritone) and "Primo Scala's Accordion Band."
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.32 p.m.—Compositions of Mendelssohn.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.
7.30 p.m.—Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Boy Friends.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Schumann—Overture "Mantfred", Op. 116. The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.
8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.
8.30 p.m.—Variety.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.
9.30 p.m.—"Nights At The Ballet". Symphony Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr.
10.05 p.m.—Elgar—Sonata in E Minor for Violin and Piano, Op. 82.
1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: Romance-Andante; 3rd Mov: Allegro con troppo... Albert Sammons (Violin) and William Murdoch (Piano).
10.30 p.m.—Songs by Dennis Noble (Baritone).
10.40 p.m.—Marek Weber and His Orchestra.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

HALF GERMAN DIVE BOMBERS LOST

MORE THAN HALF of the dive-bombers which the Germans sent against this country and its shipping were shot out of the sky.

This statement is made by a high authority, who pointed out that the spectacular successes achieved by the dive-bombers, the Junkers 87's, against the invaded countries were due solely to the absence of opposition.

GIRL'S FLIGHTS TO PARIS

Mr. Justice Hilbery awarded £900 damages with costs in the King's Bench Division to the mother of a girl who, at the age of 16½, was stated to have been "completely overwhelmed" by the son of her employer.

The plaintiff was Mrs. Ethel Taylor, of Highfield Cottages, Highfield Road, Shepperton, Middlesex. She sued Mr. John Ettlinger, 36, of Whitfield Street, W., for the seduction of her daughter, who was employed as bookkeeper at the Anchor Hotel, Shepperton. Ettlinger was not in court.

Mr. I. J. Lindner, for Mrs. Taylor, said that in the early summer of 1936 Mrs. Ettlinger, defendant's mother, who owned the hotel, suggested that her son should escort Miss Taylor home in his car at night instead of her making the journey by bicycle. Later he began taking her on night flying trips to Paris and lavishly entertaining her at Hanworth and in London.

"His manner and his means completely overwhelmed the girl," said Mr. Lindner.

Mrs. Taylor became suspicious and begged Mrs. Ettlinger to get her son to stop the association. In August, 1936, defendant promised his mother that he would give up the association, but nothing was done. Mrs. Taylor threatened to take her daughter away from the hotel.

Induced To Leave

Ettlinger then promised Miss Taylor marriage and induced her to leave home. Towards the end of June, 1937 she entered a Kilburn nursing home and gave birth to a child on July 4.

When she was discharged from the nursing home Mr. Ettlinger put her in a taxi and told her she had better go back to her mother. He would not let her have the baby.

Mr. Justice Hilbery: Where is it? Counsel: He put the child out with a woman in Saffron Walden.

Mr. Lindner added that last May Miss Taylor discovered that Ettlinger was associating with other women and that he was married. Miss Taylor stated in evidence

That state of affairs does not obtain here. The Junkers 87's have been destroyed over Britain in such large numbers when brought against us that they are now completely discredited so far as operations over Britain are concerned.

Similarly spectacular were the results obtained by the enemy with parachute troops, but here again the element of surprise has disappeared and we are well equipped to meet any such danger.

Army Cooperation

The authority referred to, discussing the new Army Cooperation Command of the R.A.F., stated that, complicated as the scheme may appear, it has the unanimous support of the Air Staff and the General Staff. The Army did not want its own air force, comparable with the Fleet Air Arm.

The belief that the German dive bombers were working directly as an integral part of the German land forces was not correct it was stated. They were the same dive bombers that worked independently and attacked our ships and later our south coast towns and were found to be very vulnerable in the face of strong fighter opposition.

There was no direct and continuous communication between German ground troops and air formations. In work on the battle field in cooperation with the Army, air superiority was the first essential. Aircraft were under development which would be well suited to such tactical cooperation.

that while staying with the defendant in London, she had double pneumonia, necessitating the attendance of two doctors and two nurses. They had not been paid; neither had the rent of the furnished flat been paid. While she was ill Mr. Ettlinger packed up his things and walked out.

"Like Blackguard"

Mr. Justice Hilbery, giving judgment, said that on the evidence before him, the defendant at every stage appeared to have behaved like a blackguard and with a degree of callousness and meanness in money matters that would have been a disgrace to a full-blooded Englishman. He was not that, because his father, at any rate, was German.

The mother was entitled to recompense for the loss of her daughter's services, and the law could give vindictive damages where a parent had been wounded in her honour and feelings by a seducer's conduct.

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"Y" TEAMS FOR SATURDAY

Following have been selected to represent Y.M.C.A. in matches on the Club ground, King's Park on Saturday.

Second XI (v. Khalsa at 3 p.m.)
Cleghorn, Whitburn, and Raiton, Smith, Tomlinson and Gorman, Macey, Olsen, Dornier, Fancey and Banks.

First XI (v. Nemads 4.15 p.m.)
Benwell, Taylor and Yurneff, Saxby, Coombe and Waldron, D. T. Smith, Morgan, Hitchcock, Ireson and Dunn.

HOCKEY INTERPORT MARCH 9

Word has been received from Macao Hockey Association confirming the date of the forthcoming Interport between the Portuguese Colony and Hong Kong for March 9.

The local team will therefore leave for Macao on the morning boat on March 9, which is a Sunday, probably returning the following morning.

There will be a practice for the Interport selections at King's Park this afternoon, the opposition now being Combined Police instead of Combined Indian Army, many of the latter team being engaged in Army matches.

KOWLOON C.C. CRICKET TEAMS

The following teams have been selected to represent Kowloon Cricket Club over the week-end and during Race week holidays:

Second XI (v. C.S.C. on Saturday at home, League) E. Curtis (Capt.), T. A. Madar, R. J. Fenton, K. M. Baxter, G. E. Taylor, W. L. Rapley, H. Brokenshire, L. R. Burch, J. R. Lake, W. W. Parsons and R. T. Broadbridge. Scorer J. W. Bettram, Umpire R. Leigh.

First XI (v. Volunteers on Tuesday, home 2 p.m.) E. C. Fincher, D. J. N. Anderson, E. F. Fincher, D. Hung, A. Zimmerman, F. R. Zimmerman, W. C. Hung, R. T. Broadbridge, R. E. Lee, K. M. Baxter and T. A. Madar. Scorer T. W. Carr, Umpire J. P. Robinson.

"A" XI (v. R.A.S.C. on Wednesday, home 2 p.m.) E. Curtis, T. A. Madar, G. E. Taylor, W. L. Rapley, H. Brokenshire, L. R. Burch, W. W. Parsons, R. T. Broadbridge, W. C. Hung, J. W. Bettram and F. Crabb.

ARMY BOXING

Middlesex Regiment beat combined Royal Artillery by 24 points to 16 in the Semi-final round of the Area Inter-Unit Novices' Boxing Championship at Shamshuipo last night.

The winners will meet Royal Scots in the final at Shamshuipo Barracks to-night. The first bout will be at 8.30 p.m.

Results:

Bantamweight: Pte. Anderson (Middlesex), walkover.

Featherweight: Gnr. Agar (R.A.) beat Pte. Macey.

Featherweight: Gnr. Bayley (R.A.) beat Pte. Hanshaw.

Lightweight: Pte. Gratton (Middlesex) beat Gnr. Owens, Gnr. Whittle (R.A.) beat L/C. Hill, Pte. Lanagan (Middlesex), walkover.

Welterweight: Pte. Colman (Middlesex) beat Gnr. Chandler, Pte. Nash (Middlesex), Pte. Toomey (Middlesex), walkover.

Middleweight: Gnr. Maher (R.A.) walkover, Gnr. Millard (R.A.) beat L/C. Muechenbach, Pte. Hogan (Middlesex) beat Gnr. Baker T.K.O.

Light Heavyweight: Pte. Cooper beat Gnr. Pridmore.

Heavyweight: L/C. Smith (Middlesex) beat L/Bdr. Dooley.

Welterweight: Pte. Byford (Middlesex) beat Gnr. Campbell.

SHIELD DRAW

The draw for the Second Round of the Senior and Junior Shield competitions was made at the monthly meeting of the Football Association last night and resulted as follows:

SENIOR SHIELD

Royal Scots v Navy

Kwong Wah v Eastern

Police v S. China

St. Joseph's v Sing Tao

JUNIOR SHIELD

S. China v Police

Service Corps v R.A. or Signals

Eastern or Navy v International Sing Tao v 30th R.A.

Dates and grounds will be fixed later.

BASKETBALL TREAT FOR THE COLONY

"California's golden, star-studded 20th Century Fox Film basketball team, which passed through Hong Kong two weeks ago on route to the Philippine Islands, are booked to give an exhibition game in the Colony against a local all-star aggregation, upon their return, in aid of charity.

Arrangements have already been started to stage the exhibition either at Hong Kong University's spacious gymnasium, or the Chinese Y.M.C.A. The team is scheduled to arrive in Hong Kong about February 21st, remaining overnight.

This American all-star hoop quintette, which won the Pacific Coast A.A.U. championship last year, is made up of former college stars, most of whom were selected on all-conference teams during their collegiate "rah, rah, rah" days.

High-Class Treat

The performance of these brilliant cage artists in this Colony should be a real high-class treat for local court fans and all interested in seeing the world's finest calibre of basketball, as it is played in America.

It will be recalled that Vancouver's Maple Leafs, Canadian basketball champions in 1938, gave a brilliant exhibition in Hong Kong two years ago during their Oriental tour.

Basketball, as it is played today, is a highly scientific game, the old individual dribbling method being replaced by modern well-timed, streamlined screening plays. These Californian giants all tower over the six foot mark and are considered masters in the art of using deceptive screening plays.

Arrangements are being made to have some of these cage stars give short talks on the intricacies of basketball, on the afternoon of their arrival in Hong Kong, to local basketball enthusiasts. — Contributed.

WATER-POLO MATCH

A water-polo match between the European Y.M.C.A. and Middlesex will be played to-morrow at "Y" pool. Teams:

Middlesex. — Pte. Berry, Sgt. Freshwater, Bdsn. Tymas, P. S. M. Ure, Pte. Bindon, Pte. Burdige, and Pte. Jennings.

Y.M.C.A. — H. Eardley, L. A. Benn, E. W. Raiton or P. Wilson, G. T. May, A. Hunt, E. F. Paul, and R. Goldman.

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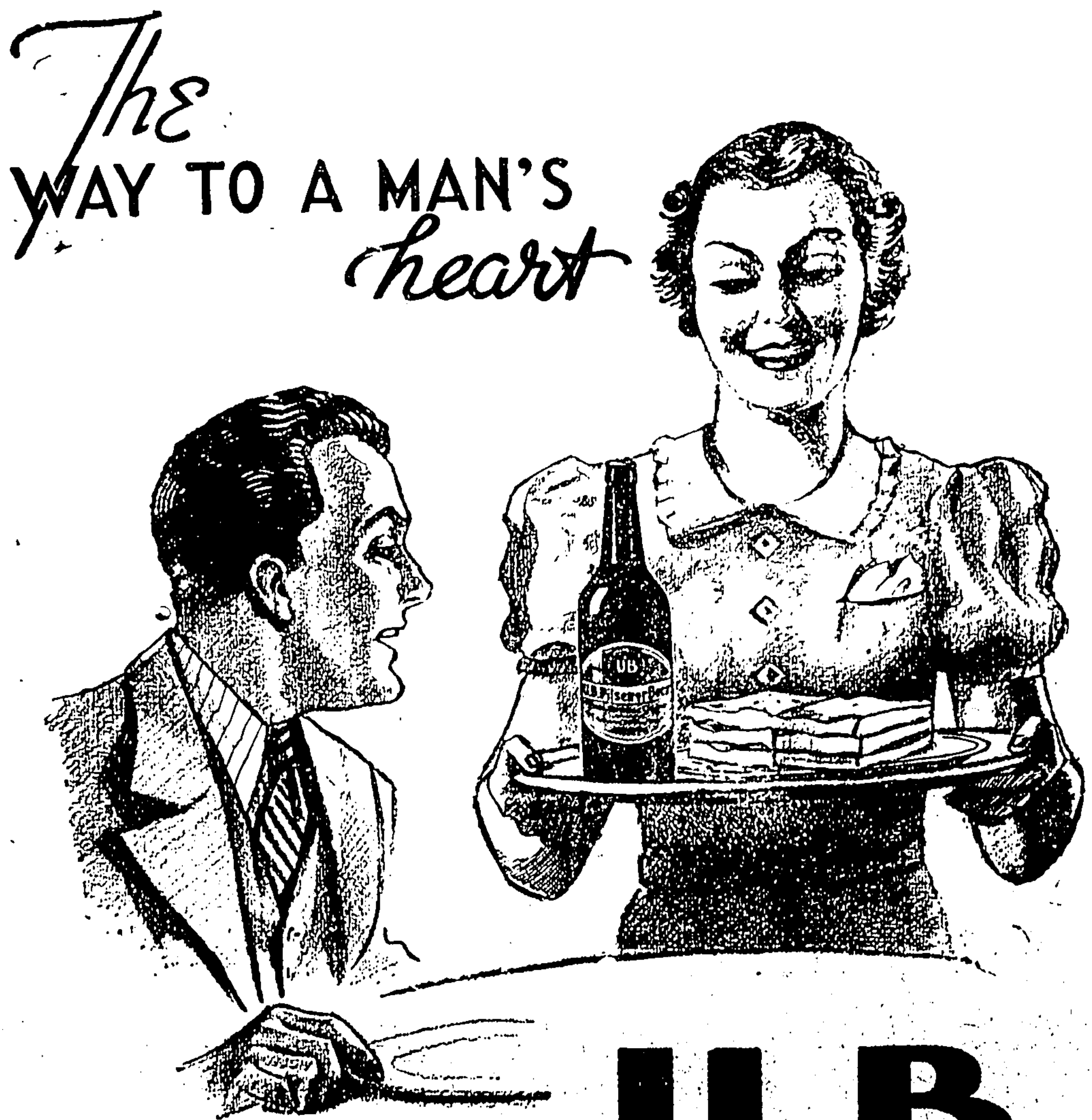
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THE SEVEN-A-SIDE RUGBY TOURNAMENT COMMENCES ON SATURDAY WITH 10 MATCHES, OR EIGHT MATCHES IF IT IS TRUE THAT A.S.C. AND 8TH. HEAVY REGT. "C" HAVE GIVEN WALK-OVERS, AND THERE ARE GOING TO BE SOME VERY LIVELY MATCHES BEFORE THE SHIELD IS PRESENTED ON MARCH 1.

I have a few of the teams, sufficient, I think, to make a complete forecast at this early stage and despite the doubt that surrounds such fine players as J. C. Charter, who will not be back from his honeymoon until next week, and A/Ldg. Tel. Paul, who is feverishly putting the finishing touches to an injured knee.

First Round winners should be Club "A", the holders, Middlesex "A", Civil Service, Royal Engineers, 12th Heavy "A", Club "B", Police "A", 8th Heavy "A", and Tamar & Small Ships "A".

Second Round winners should be Club "A", Civil Service, Royal Engineers, 12th Heavy "A", Club "B", Police "A", 8th Heavy "A", and Tamar & Small Ships "A".

Quarter-finalists should be Club "A", Royal Engineers, Police "A", and Tamar & Small Ships "A".

Semi-finalists should be Club "A" and Tamar & Small Ships "A".

Winners, Tamar & Small Ships "A".

It is rather daring to make the above forecast, but I had to follow my own opinion in last season's series.

Two Close Games

Looking at next Saturday's programme I must say Middlesex "A" are not going to have matters all their own way against Tamar & Small Ships "B", who will have Rutherford, Winter, Morahan, Wilson and Skinner among their likely starters.

Don't forget the Sevens Tournament is in aid of the Bomber Fund.

Another close game will be that between the Sappers and 5th A.A. "A", who have in Giblin and Wedderburn two very dangerous sevens players — Wedderburn is hooking!

Richards and Marsh are likely to put paid to Jardine's account as I cannot see Bosanquet or Nelson eluding or stopping them. This should be a very fast game with forward play at a minimum — just as sevens should be played.

Since writing the above I have received the Tamar and Small Ships teams, and I must say I am disappointed in their composition. Poole and Watson are in their "B" team!

The logical "A" team seemed to be Honywill, Paul and Carter; Bowden; Poole, Watson and King.

Their chances are not so bright now, but I think they will just win the trophy.

Programme

Following is Saturday's programme at Causeway Bay:

FIRST ROUND
Club "A" v Royal Scots "B", 2.30 p.m. Referee: Lt. Comdr. Harrison.

Middlesex "A" v Tamar & Small Ships "B", 2.50 p.m. Referee: E. Matthews.

12th Heavy "B" v Civil Service, 3.10 p.m. Referee: J. S. Riddell.

Police "B" v Royal Scots "A", 3.30 p.m. Referee: Major Curran.

R.E. v 5th A.A. "A", 3.50 p.m. Referee: Lt. Pirie.

B. & S. v A.S.C. 4.10 p.m. Referee: Lt. Comdr. Harrison.

8th Heavy "A" v Jardine's, 4.30 p.m. Referee: E. Matthews.

5th A.A. "B" v Combined Small Units "A", 4.50 p.m. Referee: J. S. Riddell.

H.K. Bank v 5/7th Rajputs, 5.10 p.m. Referee: Major Curran.

8th Heavy "C" v Tamar & Small Ships "A", 5.30 p.m. Referee: Lt. Pirie.

The Teams

Following are some of the teams:

Middlesex "A": L/Cpl. Muggidge; Lieut. Weedon and Capt. Man; Pte. Jones; Pte. Berry, Sgt. Bayly and Capt. Hewitt (capt.).

Reserve: L/Cpl. Wilson.

Middlesex "B": Pte. Thompson (80); Pte. Thompson (39) and Sgt. Sturdy; Pte. Samuels; Lieut. Willoughby (capt.); Sgt. Burrell and Pte. Wooley.

Reserve: D. M. Holdford.

Royal Engineers: Spr. Jones (T); Cpl. Picton and Cpl. Birrell; Cpl. Foley (capt.); Spr. Martin (L); L/Sgt. Davis and L/Sgt. Sheldrake.

Reserve: L/Sgt. Brinkley, Cpl. Apperley and Spr. Rees.

Club "A": H. van Leeuwen; D. H. Stewart and H. D. Bidwell; J. M. Thomson; C. F. Needham; A. F. Walkden (capt.) and R. E. Heasman.

Reserve: D. Thomas.

Club "B": R. M. Lavalley; P. Wilson and F. Clemon; W. Stoker (capt.); J. Olesen, E. W. Stout and L. A. Benn.

Police "A": D. H. Taylor; Reynolds and G. S. Wilson (capt.); Wright-Nooch; Dempsey, Cullinan and Innis.

Reserve: Wall.

Police "B": Jackson; Fay and Dingsdale; Oakley; Searle (capt.). Lewis and Rose.

Reserve: Leslie and Jenner.

5/7 Rajputs: Pollock (capt.); Allan and Fandeland; Scriven; Ambell, Course and Wood.

12th Heavy Regt. "A": Gnr. Keeble; Gnr. Frost and Gnr. Miners; Gnr. Foster; 2/Lieut. Eddison; L/Bdr. Luckett and 2/Lieut. Bonpas (capt.).

Reserve: Lieut. R. B. Smith and L/Bdr. Dooley.

12th Heavy Regt. "B": Gnr. McCarthy; Gnr. Howarth and Gnr. Couch; Gnr. Bevan; L/Bdr. Pain; 2/Lieut. Delderfield (capt.) and Bdr. Giddins.

Reserve: Gnr. Jones and Gnr. Denton.

Hong Kong Bank: D. G. Day; M. G. Carruthers and G. G. Aitkenhead; F. M. Thompson; R. C. Gairdner; J. S. Dunnett and A. M. Kennedy (capt.).

Reserve: J. S. Lee.

Combined Small Units "A": Pte. Macdonald; Lieut. Coombes (capt.) and Sgt. Hamlin; L/Cpl. Morgan; Sgt. Mansfield, Cpl. Chandler and Sgt. Bedford.

Reserve: Pte. Mohan.

Combined Small Units "B": Cpl. McPherson; Pte. Pratt and L. A. C. Gracey; Pte. Whybro; Pte. Wigglesworth, Capt. Crew (capt.) and Cpl. Gash.

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Civil Service: A. J. G. Taylor (capt.); L. E. Lammert and T. O. Morgan; J. Redman; B. Hynes, F. Burford and E. W. B. Hackett.

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Recreation	4	2	2	18	4
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SECTION "B"

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Army Service Corps Spoil Sappers' Unbeaten Record

By "Referee"

ROYAL ENGINEERS, leaders in Second Division of the Football League sustained their first League defeat yesterday when at Sookunpoo they were beaten by three clear goals by Royal Army Service Corps, their nearest rivals, after being led at the interval by two goals.

Service Corps were the more methodical team though they took more time to settle down than the Sappers but once they did, they played well and fully deserved their win.

Service Corps showed better combination in the forward line and all the forwards were dangerous when in possession. Glen, on the right wing, sent in good centres while Morgan and Clarke needed constant attention. West was always watching the defence and kept Martin continuously on the move. The latter made several runs down the wing but missed several good scoring chances.

Hammond Plays Well

Hammond, at left half, played well and kept the speedy Lee Wan-lam well in check while Young in the pivotal position had Fox well covered. Behind them Murray was

MACAO SURPRISES S. CHINA

By "Sportshawk"

Fielding only four First Division players, South China were defeated by Macao Football Association yesterday at Caroline Hill by the odd goal in seven, after leading at the interval by 2-1.

The visitors played good football in the second half, although they were disjointed in the first period.

Macao's narrow victory over the Colony Champions might be attributed to the brilliant keeping during the later stages of the second half of Carvalho, who was, however, shaky earlier in the game.

During the last 10 minutes of the play South China applied great pressure and appeared likely to force a draw but their heavy raids were all repulsed by Carvalho.

The visiting backs cleared well, while their two inside forwards, Guerreiro and Badarraco, showed good combination.

Apart from their senior players, none of the South China players impressed.

Tse Kam-hung was sound in defence. Lam Tak-oo was safe in the pivotal position while Chow Man-chi and Lee Tak-kee were outstanding in attack.

South China drew first blood about five minutes from the start through Chow Wing-kuen and Chin Chi-fan added a further goal shortly after.

Visitors Equalise

The visitors reduced the lead in the 20th minute of play through Chong Hong-kwong.

Only about three minutes after the resumption, Macao equalised through Guerreiro and, shortly after, took the lead through Badarraco.

Apparently heartened by this lead, Macao played much better soccer thereafter and Ip Po-tou placed the visitors still further ahead with a good ground shot.

The local players applied great pressure and were seen in the visitors' circle for most of the 15 minutes before the end, during which they were only allowed to net once through Chang Wei-cheung.

SOUTH CHINA:—Ho Po-pui; Wong Suk-kee and Tse Kam-hung; Chang Wei-cheung (Chow Man-chi second half); Lam Tak-po and Ho Lok-kee; Lai Chung-yin, Chow Wing-kuen (Chang Wei-cheung second half); Lee Tak-kee, Chow Man-chi (Lee Shuk-yau second half) and Chin Chi-fan.

MACAO:—Carvalho; Chifu and Cordova; Mendes, Alrosa and Magalhães; Chong Hong-kwong, Sousa, Guerreiro, Badarraco and Ip Po-tou.

Soccer Postponements

Owing to Volunteer Camps, the First Division Football match between St. Joseph's and Royal Navy, and the Second Division match between Club and Middlesex, both scheduled for Saturday, have been postponed.

worked hard. Birrell never gave up trying while Taylor did his share. In the early stages of the game the halves left too big a gap between themselves and their forwards and in the second period, in an attempt to give them more assistance they allowed the opposing wingers too much scope.

Palmer made a welcome return to the Sappers' team and he gave a really good display at full back. He was the best Sapper player on view and his good clearances and hard kicking kept the Service Corps forwards from scoring more. Tan Kong-pak was erratic at times.

Service Corps opened the scoring in the first half through Morgan from a partially cleared centre from Glen and a few minutes later the same player again scored.

Sappers attacked from the restart and Fox missed a great opportunity of reducing the lead

when he shot over the bar when well placed. At the other end Martin and Clarke had hard luck with good shots. Service Corps increased the lead through Clarke.

Chung-sing had a hard shot saved by Mattison while Fox again missed from a good position. The game ended with Sappers trying hard to reduce the lead.

ENGINEERS:—Moxham, Palmer, Tsang Chung-pak, Birrell, Shaw, Taylor, Lee, Wai-lam, Chan, Yung-kuen, Fox, Polham and Chung Sing.

R.A.S.C.:—Mattison, Murray, Bradshaw, Smart, Young, Hammond, Glen, Morgan, Clarke, West, Martin.

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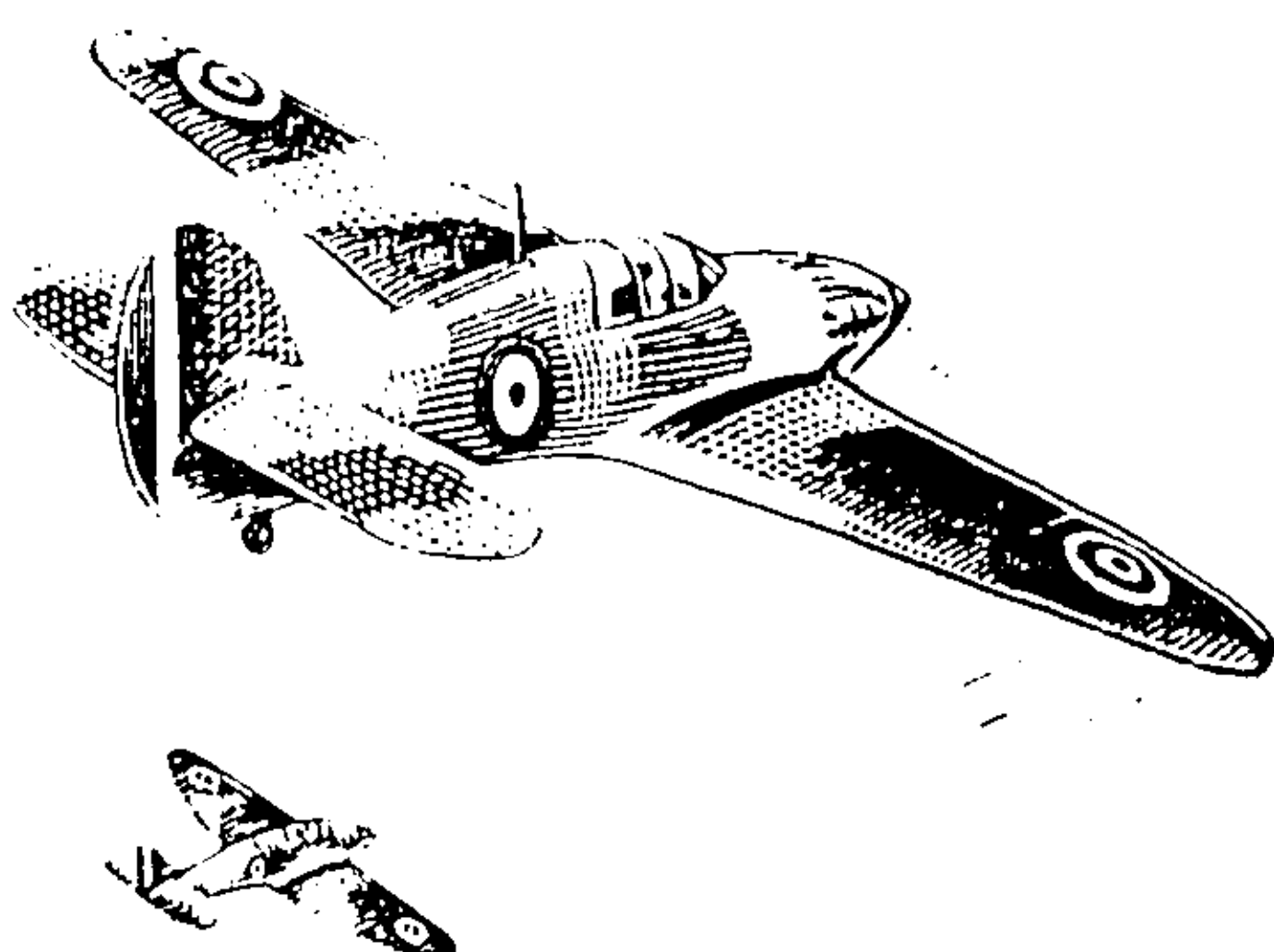
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Sing Tao	18	12	3	3	55	23	27
S. China	19	11	5	3	72	21	25
Middlesex	19	11	3	5	59	36	26
R. Scots	18	9	2	7	44	29	20
R. Navy	18	9	2	7	45	43	20

At the monthly meeting of the Council of the Football Association, it was stated that the Association would be willing to bear the cost of hospital and medical expenses incurred by Lee Ting-sang, who broke his arm while playing on behalf of the Association recently, but were unable to do anything more financially as this would cause Lee Ting-sang to lose his amateur status.

A letter was received from the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation advising that the Burma Chinese football team would arrive in the Colony on April 10 and asking the Association to allot them dates.

It was decided that permission be given for the games to be played on any date after April 10, except on Saturday, April 12 which was reserved for the Shield Final.

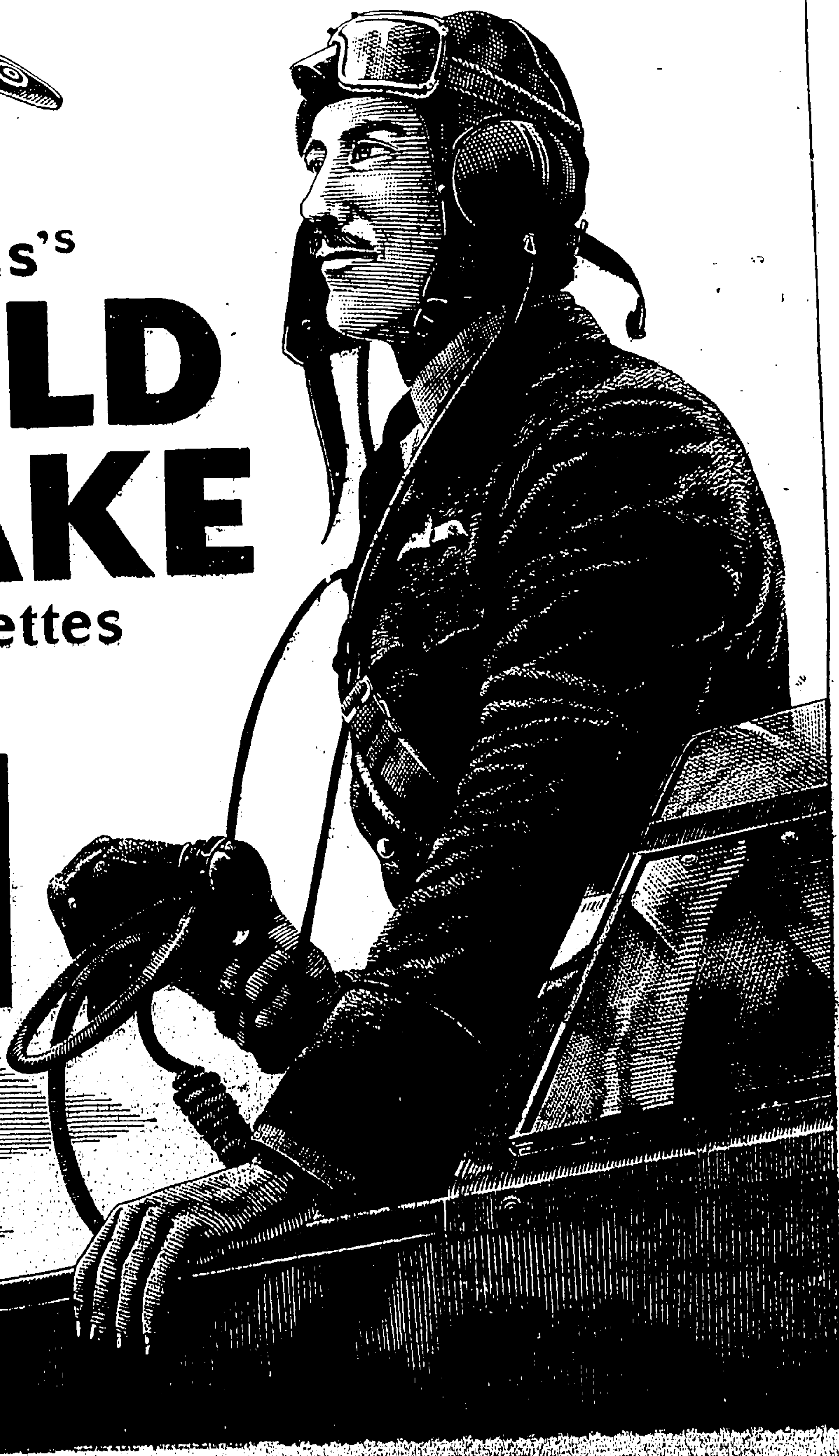
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PEACE AIMS CONTROVERSY

Call For Formal Statement Renewed In Commons

MALAYAN IRON ORE SUPPLY TO JAPAN

A forthcoming question in the Commons by Sir George Broadbridge asks whether Government is aware that the States of Trengannu and Kelantan are sending regular shipments of iron ore to Japan and that in view of the fact that Japan has joined the Axis alliance, will steps be taken to stop this supply. *Reuter*

36 ALERTS IN 6 DAYS

Several raids on Malta were carried out during Tuesday night but no damage was done to Government property and no casualties have occurred.

One enemy aircraft was damaged during the raid on an R.A.F. detachment on Tuesday afternoon.

Malta has had thirty-six alarm signals in the last six days. *Reuter*

Government Not Yet Ready

EFFORTS TO INDUCE THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE A FORMAL STATEMENT OF BRITAIN'S PEACE AIMS WERE RENEWED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Mr. John Martin, Labour member, asked the Government whether consultations on peace aims and reconstruction had taken place with the Government of the United States.

Mr. Churchill replied there was such thorough comprehension in the United States of "what we are fighting for and stand for that I cannot recall any occasion when those questions were mentioned by American representatives whom I had seen or American correspondents.

Statements on British policy will be made on occasions as seem agreeable to public interests.

The matter was again raised on adjournment in the form of a debate which brought another — though short — Government declaration.

Of the four speakers, two argued for a Government declaration, one against it, while the Lord Privy Seal, Mr. Clement Attlee, reiterated there would be a declaration at the right time, but that the Government must be the judge of that right time.

For A New World

"THERE IS A GROWING UNDERSTANDING" SAID MR. ATLEE, "THAT WE ARE FIGHTING FOR A NEW WORLD, NOT ONLY FOR BRITAIN BUT FOR EUROPE AND THE WHOLE CIVILISED WORLD."

"There is also a growing realisation," continued Mr. Attlee, "of the close linking of our political and economic aims. There is a growing appreciation of the importance of linking peace aims for the world outside and peace aims for this country.

But when a statement is made we want a statement that will make for unity at home, unity with the Dominions, unity with the United States and all the civilised peoples in trouble with us.

The right time must be chosen and the right thing said if we are to use this very powerful weapon to end the war and establish peace."—*Reuter*.

Wide Agreement

Mr. Attlee said: "When you get down to peace aims as I have done, you find you have to think a good deal. Remember too, it is one thing for private individuals to put down their peace aims and another thing for a Government to do so. Don't imagine there is not a very wide and growing agreement in this country as to the things for which we stand."—*British Wireless*.

NORTH CHINA TRADE RESTRICTIONS

Trade difficulties in North China were again raised in the House of Commons by a member asking the Foreign Secretary whether exports from there are permitted only on payment in Japanese Federated Reserve Bank currency and that imports are not permitted without licence from the bank.

It was asked whether representations have been made to Japan that such control is inconsistent with the Japanese undertaking not to injure foreign interests.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that the facts were known and that repeated representations have been made by the British Government and other governments without a satisfactory answer. *Reuter*

SHRAPNEL SHELLING OF KENT

Long-range guns from across the Channel yesterday shelled the South-East coast area.

A loud explosion resembling the discharge of a heavy-calibre gun was heard followed by two more such explosions.

Subsequently shells burst in the air over the town and large splinters were picked up.

Two houses were damaged but no casualties are reported. — *Reuter*.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The existing election system for the Shanghai Municipal Council is to undergo no change according to a decision reached this morning. There will also be no change in the Chinese membership. These decisions were taken to prevent the filterings in of Wang Ching-wei agents, it is believed.—Our Own Correspondent.

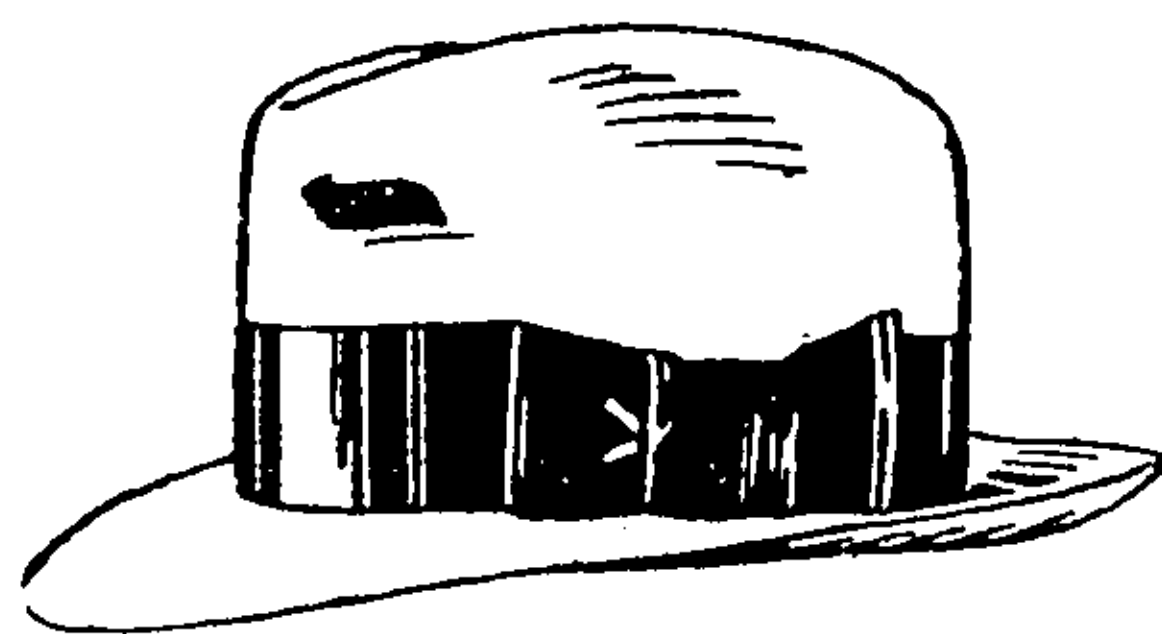


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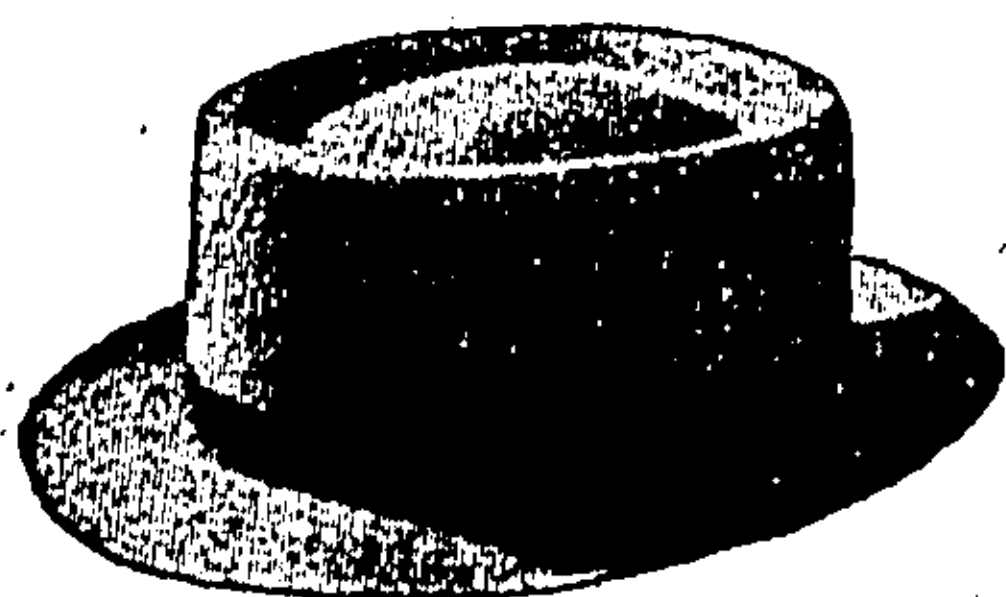


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